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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

For the Municipal Year 1888–9.

Selectmen.

HENRY R. JENKS, WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
ASA A. FLETCHER.

Town Clerk.

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN.

Treasurer.

HENRY R. JENKS.

Assessors.

ASA A. FLETCHER, WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
SABIN HUBBARD.

Overseers of the Poor.

GEORGE E. EMERSON, WARREN H. BRIGHT,
CYRUS M. ALLEN.

Collector.

WILLIAM E. NASON.

School Committee.

GEORGE B. DORR. GEORGE KING, WILLIAM F. RAY,
MISS LYDIA P. RAY, MRS. MARY A. WIGGIN,
MRS. REBECCA FARNUM.

Constables.

LEWIS R, WHITAKER, WILLIAM E. NASON,
TIMOTHY PACKARD.

Fence Viewers.

BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD, ALEXANDER F. McLEAN,
WILLIAM MANN.

Field Drivers.

B. M. ROCKWOOD, WILLIAM E. CROWNINGSHIELD
JOHN M. DOW.

Pound Keeper.

GEORGE B. PECK.

APPOINTEES.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

GEORGE E. EMERSON, BRADLEY M. ROCKWOOD,
FRANK A SHINER, WILLIAM H. SPEAR.

Auctioneers.

WILLIAM E. NASON, LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
HORACE S. MORSE, DAVID W. CORSON.

Surveyors of Lumber.

OTIS F. METCALF, WILLIAM ROCKWOOD, JOHN CANNEY,
LUCIUS DANIELS, FRANCIS W. SMITH,
J. W. WHITING, 2D.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD, JOSEPH H. WADSWORTH,
J. C. JACOBS, JOSEPH W. HEATON, HORACE S. MORSE,
ALBERT H. HILL.

Measurers of Grain.

FRANK D. METCALF, WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
JOSEPH H. WADSWORTH, O. S. STETSON.

Weighers of Coal and Hay.

JOSEPH W. HEATON, WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
JOSEPH H. WADSWORTH, J. C. JACOBS,
WILLIAM MANN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN.

Board of Registration.

VINCENT LAFORME, JR., NATHAN C. NYE,
JAMES W. DESMOND, CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN.

Night Policemen.

ANTHONY CONNOR, *CHARLES S. MERRILL,
GEORGE D. HEATON.

*Resigned.

Special Policemen.

GEORGE BERBEAU, JOSEPH SMITH,
AARON R. MORSE, JEROME B. FITZPATRICK,
JOHN W. RICHARDSON, ALBERT W. NEWELL,
ROBERT DAVISON, CHARLES R. GOWEN,
EDMUND J. ROCKWOOD, JOSEPH T. HUTCHINSON,
HERMAN MILLER, EMORY MUNYON,
WILLIAM H. HOWE, ARTHUR D. McNUTT,
MARTIN HUNTER.

Inspector of Oil.

THADDEUS M. TURNER.

Undertakers.

R. L. McPHERSON, J. B. FITZPATRICK,
HENRY BEMIS.

Forest Fire Wardens.

T. J. DANIELS, ROBERT B. STEWART,
C. A. STOCKBRIDGE.

Lockup Keeper.

ANTHONY CONNOR.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1888-9.

W. F. Ray, term expires 1891.
Miss Lydia P. Ray, term expires 1891.
Mrs. M. A. Wiggin, term expires 1890.
Dr. George King, term expires 1890.
Mrs. A. M. Farnum, term expires 1889.
George B. Dorr, term expires 1889.

Chairman, George B. Dorr.
Secretary, Lydia P. Ray.

Report of the School Committee.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the public schools, and of their needs by way of accommodations for the coming year, with such suggestions for their improvement as seem to them proper. A financial exhibit, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the year, will be found in the auditor's report.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

As has been well said, "The school will be what the teacher makes it. The poor teacher will make a poor school, no matter how good the supervision or how liberal the furnishing; and the good teacher will make a good school, under almost any circumstances." Hence the most important duty devolving on the committee is to furnish good teachers for the schools.

It has been for many years the settled policy of our school board to supply the primary and intermediate grades with teachers selected from the most promising graduates of the High School. This plan is of course open to some objection; since taking a young girl without previous training or experience, and putting her into a primary school can at best be looked upon only in the light of an experiment. It may succeed, and then again it may not. Thus far the committee have been fortunate in their selection of teachers from the High School graduates. These young ladies have had much to learn. But usually they have proved apt pupils. And it is with pleasure we record the fact that some of them now rank among our very best teachers.

We would, however, earnestly recommend our young graduates, who purpose to make teaching a profession, to spend at least a year at one of our Normal Schools—where it is possi-

ble to do so—both for their own benefit and for that of the schools. The training received there and the knowledge of methods would be invaluable to them in their work. We would also urge upon them, and upon all of our teachers, the need of constant reading and study, not only in the line of their chosen profession, but in the wider field of general literature. By this means they will lay the foundation for a broad and liberal culture which cannot fail to be of very great value to them in their work. It will, moreover, serve to keep them out of those intellectual ruts into which teachers sometimes fall.

The true teacher is never satisfied with his present knowledge or attainments. He is constantly seeking for new light, for more advanced methods. In this way only can he hope to keep abreast of the times, and thus satisfy the constantly increasing demand that is being made upon the teacher for better work, and for wider and more far-reaching results. The time has been in this country—it was in the days of the traditional red schoolhouse, or "deestrict school"— that if the teacher only knew a little more than his pupils he was considered competent to instruct in "readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic," and that was deemed sufficient.

But times have changed. The red schoolhouse period has gone by; and with it the old-fashioned ideas and methods have also disappeared. Now it is pretty well understood that the more a teacher knows, the wider acquaintance he has with books, other things being equal, the better equipped he is for his work.

Up to this time the committee have pursued a system of what is called promotion, by which teachers who give evidence of superior merit in the outside and primary schools are transferred to the higher grades, as vacancies occur. But it may well be doubted if this plan is in accordance with the most advanced ideas upon this subject. It is the opinion of many experienced school officers that teachers should be especially trained for primary work, since this is the basis of our whole school system; and if the work be poorly begun the ill effects will be seen throughout the whole course. In Prussia primary

teachers are obliged by law to go through a three years' course in a teachers' seminary, an institution similar to our Normal schools, into which only the most promising candidates are admitted, after a rigid examination as to scholarship, moral character, and bodily health.

It has been suggested that if promotions are to be made at all they "should be from the grammar *up* to the lowest primary grade, and the pay should increase in the same direction." This may be carrying the matter a little too far. But there can be no doubt that as good teaching talent is needed in the primary as in the grammar grades; and it would be well for our primary teachers to consider whether it is not manifestly for their interest to perfect themselves in their present work instead of making haste to get "promoted" to one of the higher grades. If they should do this they would soon be able to command as high wages as teachers in other grades. What is needed in this town is a training school for primary teachers; and this no doubt we shall have before many years have elapsed.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

The first change during the present year was occasioned by the sad death of Miss Delia M. Bailey, at that time in charge of the Primary-Intermediate school on Arlington Street. This most estimable young lady was a graduate of the High School from which she was appointed to the position of assistant in the Sub-Grammar school. From this she was promoted to the Northwest School, which she conducted for about two years with marked success. From this school she was transferred to the mixed school on Arlington street, where she was engaged in teaching until a short time before her death. Her loss was deeply felt by her pupils, by the teachers, and by the entire community. Upon the death of Miss Bailey, Mrs. L. A. Harris was elected to fill her place in the Arlington street school.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the spring term, owing to a want of harmony between the principal and the committee, it was thought

to be for the interest of the High School to make a change of teachers. Accordingly, Mr. White failing of a re-election, Mr. Clarence A. Brodeur, a graduate of Harvard University, was appointed to the position. Mr. Brodeur came to our place an entire stranger; but during his two terms of service he has shown the qualities of a true teacher. He has not only succeeded in gaining the confidence and esteem of his pupils, but he has to a considerable extent, inspired them with his own zeal and enthusiasm. We believe our High School is in good hands; and with a constantly increasing number of pupils, and with the new accommodations soon to be furnished —as we trust—by the liberality of the town, we look to see it take a still higher place among the public institutions of Franklin.

OTHER CHANGES.

On opening the schools in September it was found that another Intermediate was needed. Therefore it was decided to make the Primary-Intermediate school at Arlington street, primary in both departments, and to form a third Intermediate, to take the place of Primary No. 4 in the Nason street school. This was accordingly done; and the pupils from Miss Sawyer's school (Primary No. 4) were transferred to Miss Cleary's school (Primary No. 5) and to the new Primary school on Arlington street.

At this time it was also found necessary to form a new Grammar school. This was placed in the Town Hall which was temporarily fitted up with seats for the purpose. By the formation of these schools several changes in teachers were made necessary. Miss M. E. Davis, of Sub-Grammar No. 1, was placed in charge of the new Grammar school. To fill her place Miss M. A. Sawyer was transferred from Primary No. 4,—now Intermediate No. 3. In charge of this school Miss S. E. Young, of Primary No. 3, was placed; and to fill her position Mrs. L. A. Harris was transferred from the Arlington St. Primary-Intermediate—now Primary No. 4. Finally, to complete these changes, Miss Adeline McDonald, assistant in the Grammar school, was elected to Primary No.

4. Thus was a "forward movement" made all along the line —of promotion.

On the whole these changes must have been somewhat confusing to both teachers and pupils. It is doubtful if any of them were quite sure of their whereabouts for a day or two. But they soon got settled to their work and, so far as we can judge, the changes made have proved, for the most part, satisfactory.

Other changes made at the beginning of the fall term were, Miss Ella B. Daniels elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Howard at the Populatic school, and Miss Rebecca Dunning appointed to the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Dorr at Primary No. 2.

Aside from these changes our teachers remain the same as last year. Some of them have been with us long, and have served us faithfully. For the most part we believe they are well equipped for their work. They have shown themselves earnest, pains-taking, and conscientious in the discharge of their duties. They are not resting wholly upon past attainments for success; but,by daily preparation for their work, and by careful study of the most advanced methods, they are striving to keep abreast of the times, and thus to preserve alive and burning in their own minds, and in the minds of their pupils, that love and enthusiasm for study without which school life is little better than unmeaning drudgery.

COURSE OF STUDY.

At the beginning of the fall term some changes were made in the course of study which it is believed will be for the benefit of the schools. In the primary grade the course has been shortened one year. In the other grades the time allotted to each remains the same. The full course now embraces a period of thirteen years, namely: three years in the primary, two years each in the intermediate, sub-grammar, and grammar, and four years in the High School.

The work in all the lower grades is now thoroughly practical. The only objection we think that can be urged against our present course of study,—except perhaps in some minor

particulars which will no doubt be soon regulated,—is that for some of our pupils it embraces too much; and the question might be raised, if even for the brightest and most ambitious too many different branches are not attempted in the High School. This is a problem that has puzzled our leading educators for many years; and it is one that is likely to puzzle them for many years to come. In the case of our own course of study if it were decided to make it less comprehensive the question would be how to reduce the number of branches and yet leave out nothing essential.

Of course it is not expected that our High School will confer the benefits of a liberal education upon its graduates. This can only be obtained from the colleges and universities. But its purpose is to bestow upon those whose time or means are limited as much of culture and knowledge as can be crowded into the space of four years. The question is whether more would not be really gained if less were attempted; in other words if thoroughness is not sacrificed to comprehensiveness.

It has been urged by some that the purpose of the High School should be to fit our young men and women for the actual everyday duties of life. Hence the curriculum should embrace only such studies as have a practical bearing upon the problem of how to "get on in the world." We think this is taking entirely too low a view of education. It is bringing everything down to the basis of bare utilitarianism. Those branches of study which bear intimately upon the problem of success in life are certainly important, and should receive their share of attention. But there are other capacities of the human mind besides those which relate to money-getting; and these, in a course of study that is meant to educate true men and women, should not be neglected. There is always danger in a one-sided system of education.

After all the most that can be said of any of our so-called institutions of learning is that they teach us how to read and to think. They simply lay the foundation for an education. They open the door, so to speak, to the pleasant fields of knowledge. Through this we get glimpses of what lies before

the student; and, if so minded, we enter in and begin to pluck the fruits and flowers for ourselves.

Our High School course may be likened to a series of fields in each of which a different kind of fruit is growing. The visitor enters and thinks to regale himself upon the feast spread out before him. But he is hurried along so fast that he has barely time to taste of the fruit of one field before he is unceremoniously pushed into another.

But notwithstanding this defect—incident to all short courses of study which in conformity to public sentiment must be made to embrace much—we believe the course of study formulated for the High School is as good as it can be well made, unless some of the branches be dropped, or another year be added to the course.

As at present constituted our curriculum embraces three distinct courses of study, namely: a classical, a mixed classical and scientific, and an English course. The first is for pupils desiring to pursue a collegiate course. The second is for those who wish to obtain some knowledge of foreign languages, and also to acquire a good degree of proficiency in the natural sciences. The third is for our young men and women who purpose to pursue some trade or calling in which a knowledge of business forms and methods will be of use to them. In all these the study of English literature is made a prominent feature.

MUSIC.

There is, perhaps, no branch of study taught in our schools in which progress is more clearly indicated than in music. Until within a year or two this study has been somewhat neglected by our teachers and school officers. Or, rather, it was not made a study at all, but was introduced occasionally, as a pastime. But for the past year and a half vocal music has been regularly taught, under the instruction of Mrs. L. T. Hosmer, whose work has been supplemented by daily drills conducted by the teachers.

At the present time the most pleasing results of this teaching are seen in the lower grades, where nearly all the pupils sing; while in the higher grades many of the pupils, having little

natural taste or capacity for music, and having received no training in the primary grades, take little or no part in the drill. This is the principal difficulty that Mrs. Hosmer has to contend with. But it will soon disappear as the pupils now in the primary schools advance to the grammar grades.

We would caution the teachers against yielding to the temptation to spend too much time in singing songs by "rote." This is a pleasing exercise, and may do no harm once in a while; but it should not be allowed to take the place of regular work. What we want is a daily drill from the chart in the elements of music, in order that the pupils may learn to read with rapidity and precision. We want our boys and girls to acquire something more than a "smattering" of music.

One thing more; if music is to be taught in our schools,—as it undoubtedly will be,—it is absolutely necessary that our teachers should prepare themselves for this work. "As is the teacher so is the school" is not more true of ordinary school work than of instruction in music. It may not be necessary that our teachers should be experts in singing. But they should have a thorough knowledge of the science of music and be able to lead as well as to instruct their classes. They should moreover, be earnest and conscientious about this work. In teaching music, as in other branches, the teacher strikes the *key note*. If she is full of life and energy she will be able to inspire her pupils in some degree with her own enthusiasm. But if she performs her duties in a desultory, perfunctory sort of fashion, as if she were anxious merely to get them off her hands, the pupils will soon fall into her ways.

As the importance of music as a means of educating the tastes, feelings, and *morals* of our children comes to be better known and recognized more attention will be paid to it in our schools; and if teachers expect to obtain desirable situations they must prepare themselves for teaching this branch of study as well as others. We throw out these hints not only for the benefit of those who are teaching now but for those pupils in our High School who purpose to become teachers.

TEMPERANCE TEACHING.

Complaint has been made that the subject of temperance has

received less attention from our teachers than its importance demands. There may be some truth in this. But the teachers have not been wholly to blame. There have been difficulties connected with this branch of study that are not very well understood except by the teachers and school officers. These will no doubt be overcome in the future.

We believe the duty of teaching temperance and hygiene in our schools is a binding one, both in a legal and in a moral point of view; and we think new text books on these subjects, adapted to the different grades, should be procured, and a portion of time set apart in each school for this work.

There can be no question but that in all measures of reform we must begin at the bottom if we would accomplish results. The reason why "prohibition does not prohibit" in this state is because public sentiment does not fully sustain it. What we need then is to *manufacture* public sentiment by educating the children in principles of total abstinence.

ATTENDANCE.

The census of our school population taken last spring shows that the number of children in town of the school age was 923. If all of these children attended school regularly we should have nearly fifty pupils to each school. But as a matter of fact the registers show that the average attendance falls much short of this number. Absenteeism is now as it always has been the crying evil of our schools. So far as enrollment is concerned the law is usually complied with; that is, the children are sent to school a part of the time—enough to "clear the law."

In speaking of absenteeism it is generally supposed, doubtless, that we mean *illegal* absenteeism. But such is not the case. There are always a few instances of this,—enough to occasion a good deal of trouble to the school officers. But the loss to our schools from absenteeism comes mainly from irregular attendance on the part of those who are supposed to attend school the entire year.

In this matter the committee are powerless to act, except in so far as they may be able to bring moral influences to bear

upon the parents. These have an undoubted *legal* right to keep their children from school a portion of the time. But we believe they have no *moral* right to do so unless it be for some sufficient cause.

If the fault were confined to those parents who are suffering from sickness or poverty we should have little to say, except to encourage them, for the good of their children, to send them to school as many days in the year as possible. But when the children of well-to-do parents are kept from school on the most trifling pretexts,—such, for instance, as attending a picnic, going to a circus, visiting their friends, or for any other purpose the object of which is merely recreation,—we must enter our earnest protest against the practice, as not only a wanton injury to the pupils, but as destructive of the best interests of our schools.

We speak of this matter thus plainly because we believe this particular phase of absenteeism is the cause of more injury to the schools than all others combined. It is the result, doubtless, in a great measure, of thoughtlessness on the part of parents. They do not fully realize the injury to their children or to the schools that results from irregular attendance. They probably think an occasional absence of half a day or a day will not make much difference. These parents should visit the schools and talk with the teachers on this subject. Then, unless we are greatly mistaken, they would change not only their views but their practice.

There is another phase of irregular attendance that we must speak of, although it is doubtful if much can be done to abate the evil at present; we mean the loss to our schools from parents sending their children only the twenty weeks required by law. This is a great misfortune,—in many cases an absolute wrong,—to the children, since, in effect, it breaks up their school life. As a result they get behind in their classes; they become discouraged, and lose all interest in study; finally they come to hate school, and take every opportunity to escape from it. Thus they not only lose all benefit of the school themselves but by their influence and example they injure it for others.

As an instance of how far this irregular attendance is sometimes carried we cite two cases. The first is the Populatic School, where the average attendance during the spring term was only 68 per cent. The second is the South Franklin school, where during the winter term (1887) the average attendance was only 54 per cent. These are of course extreme cases. In both there were special causes for this low average, chief of which was the fact that many of the pupils were small and had a long distance to go; and as the weather was severe a part of the time they were kept at home. We wish to make all the allowance possible in such cases. Nevertheless there was on the part of some parents inexcusable neglect.

We are glad to be able to say that quite a number of the parents in both of these schools have usually sent their children punctually to school, unless prevented by causes beyond their control. We must also say that the attendance at the Populatic School is now very fair; while that at South Franklin has improved, although it is still far from what it should be.

From these examples as a *basis* it would be easy to figure out a great waste of the town's money. Of course in the center schools, where the attendance has been fair, the loss is much less. Still it is enough to give abundant food for reflection to all students of public economy.

But what shall be done? It will not do to say that we must spend less money for schools. It is the duty of the town to provide accommodations for all children of school age, no matter whether they attend or not. It must also pay the teachers' salaries and other expenses. It costs just as much to run a school of 50 pupils when the average of attendance is only 75 per cent. as when it is 100.

If the evils of absenteeism were confined to the children who are absent it would be bad enough. But as a matter of fact the injury extends to the entire school of which they are members. Teachers who have suffered from this cause could speak feelingly upon this subject if permitted to do so. The true teacher delights in nothing more than in promptness and punctuality; for he knows that upon these depends in great measure his success. The first thing he does upon opening

his school is to cast his eye along the rows of seats to see if the pupils are all in their places. If the lines before him are full and unbroken, he girds himself for his work with a smiling face and a buoyant heart; for he knows that all will be well for that session. But if there are gaps in the lines a feeling of discouragement steals over him, that he cannot wholly overcome. He sees the beauty and symmetry of his schoolroom, —in which he takes so much pride and pleasure,—wholly marred. He sees his classes broken up, his register despoiled, his hopes of a nearly perfect attendance dashed to the ground. He feels, moreover, sorry for his absent pupils; for he knows there will be no end of trouble about lessons on the morrow.

We are painfully conscious that occasions may, and frequently do, arise where regular attendance at school is impossible. Such instances must be regarded as among the inevitable ills incident to school life. But if parents would unite with teachers and school officers in trying to raise the standard of attendance in our schools to the highest possible maximum we should see the evils of absenteeism practically done away with.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

An unfailing indication of the growth and prosperity of our town may be found in the increasing number of pupils in our schools. Within the past three years two new school buildings, containing four rooms, have been erected,—one on the Nason street lot, and one on Arlington street. And still more room is needed.

At the beginning of the fall term it was found necessary, owing to the large number of pupils going up from the next lower grades, to divide the Grammar School. This was done by making Central street the line of division—the result being two schools nearly equal in numbers.

For want of better accommodations one of these schools was placed temporarily in the town hall. This action of the committee has been severely criticised by a few parents whose children, according to the line of division, were compelled to go there. It has been urged that the room is not suitable for school purposes. Of this fact the committee were painfully

conscious. But they could do no better. It was a matter not of choice but of necessity with them. They could not crowd seventy-five or eighty pupils into a room large enough for only fifty. Two of the committee at least suffer with other parents in being compelled to send their children to the town hall.

Another room is therefore needed. The question for the town to decide is how this shall be provided for.

It must be evident to all who have given the matter any thought that the present accommodations of the High School are insufficient. Not only are the rooms too small for health and comfort but they are unsuitable in other respects. These rooms are, however, very well adapted to the wants of a grammar school; and since it is very desirable on many accounts for the grammar schools to be in the same building the committee recommend that the present high school rooms be used for that purpose.

If this plan be adopted, it remains for the town to provide accommodations for the High School. For this three rooms, besides the usual halls, cloak rooms, etc., will be necessary; namely, a schoolroom, which should be large enough for at least seventy-five seats, a recitation room, and a small laboratory.

Up to this time the principal and his assistant have been trying to teach chemistry and physics from books, which is very much like trying to teach a man how to make a watch, or to run a type-setting machine, or to manufacture woolen goods, from printed directions, or drawings made for the purpose. In the study of the sciences object lessons are imperatively needed. It will not do for the pupils simply to *read* about what may be done with certain chemicals or with an electrical machine or a compound blow-pipe. They need to make the experiments themselves. As Horace Greely said of resumption of specie payments, "The way to resume is to resume": and the way to learn how to do things is to do them.

Our young people in the High School, under the direction of their teachers, have been doing the best they could to overcome the obstacles in their way. But they need to be helped and encouraged. Their enthusiasm and persistence under difficulties deserve to be rewarded.

Two plans have been suggested for supplying the deficiency in school accommodations. One is to build an addition to the School street house, to contain three rooms, besides the usual cloak rooms, etc. This plan has been presented by a member of the committee, not as his choice but as one that might be resorted to under certain contingencies. The plan is perfectly feasible, and so far as present economy is concerned it would probably solve the problem of more room for the least money.

But there are several objections that might be urged against this plan. One is that it would be too much like putting "new cloth to an old garment." That is, it would be adding to an old building that is hardly worthy of being remodelled. It is true the new rooms could be made ample, pleasant, and convenient. But how would they compare with the old ones? Comparisons are said to be odious; and the contrast between the rooms in the same building would be, to say the least, disagreeable.

Another objection might be that the present heating apparatus would be insufficient for the new addition. Hence a new boiler would have to be put in, at considerable expense. But we think the objection that will occur most readily to the minds of our citizens is that, do the best we could by way of remodelling the School street house, it would still come far short of their ideal of what a High School building should be.

The other plan is to erect a new building upon a suitable lot, to contain four rooms, besides the usual halls, cloak rooms, recitation rooms, etc. We think there should also be a good sized hall for school purposes. This could be obtained by putting on a mansard roof at a moderate additional expense.

The advantages of such a hall will be fully appreciated by the teachers, and by all who are conversant with school work. It is a common practice in many of the larger towns of the state for the pupils of the high, grammar, and intermediate grades to assemble every Friday afternoon for general exercises, to be conducted by the principal or superintendent. The programme for this is prepared by the principal, and the parts are assigned the week previous. The exercises consist of read-

ings, recitations, declamations, dialogues, discussions, etc., etc., interspersed with vocal and instrumental music and gymnastics.

It seems hardly necessary to speak of the advantages to be derived from exercises of this kind. But it may not be amiss to mention a few of them. By bringing the teachers and pupils together they would serve to unify our schools. Once a week they would assemble in the same room, under the eye of the principal. He would thus become acquainted with the teachers and pupils, and would naturally take a deeper and more personal interest in them. The pupils of the lower grades would have the example of the High School scholars constantly before their eyes, This would be a powerful incentive to faithful work. They would be looking forward to the time when they should occupy similar places.

The pupils in all the grades would be learning to read, speak and sing in public, without that painful shyness and awkwardness so natural to the young. Those in the higher grades would be forming the habit of ready speaking upon public questions,— a matter of no little importance in a republic like ours.

This is no new or untried plan. It is already in successful operation in many towns in the state. We believe that by the expenditure of a small sum of money in this direction great and lasting benefits would be conferred upon our schools.

No vote has been taken to ascertain the preference of the committee as to the plans mentioned. But if a suitable lot could be obtained at a fair price they would undoubtedly favor the erection of a neat, tasteful, and substantial High School building as a measure of the truest economy.

Our town is growing in population; and with new industries just starting up, and with others soon to be established, it is likely to grow faster in the future than it has in the past. We shall probably need all of the four rooms of a new building within two or at the most three years.

We need moreover a High School building as a sort of hub or centre around which our other schools may radiate. A structure of this kind built of good materials, on a good plan, and of pleasing architectural proportions, would give tone and

character to our whole school system. It would, moreover, be an ornament to the town.

This is a matter that requires careful thought and deliberation in order that the interests of our schools—which are those of the town—may be subserved. We therefore recommend that a committee be appointed by the town at its coming annual meeting to take the matter into consideration.

FURNITURE AND APPARATUS.

Our school houses are for the most part comfortably furnished. In some of the older rooms the desks are double, which is a great disadvantage in teaching. Many of them are also badly defaced. We think these should be replaced with new single desks. To say nothing of the convenience and improved appearance of the rooms that would result from this change we think the example of vandalism set by these desks must have a demoralizing influence upon the pupils. To the average Yankee boy the temptation to try his hand at carving the wood before him is strong enough without the force of example being added.

Until recently many of our schoolrooms have been without globes or maps. These we consider quite as important in the study of geography as the text books. They also serve as object lessons to educate the eye and induce habits of observation on the part of the pupils. Moreover, they break up the monotony of bare walls, and thus render the schoolroom more cosy and attractive. From the portion of the state fund which can be legally used for this purpose we have purchased a comfortable supply of these useful appendages.

Shelves and bookcases are still needed in a few rooms, and these will doubtless be soon supplied. As a member of our committee has well said, all such appliances pay many times their cost in increased comfort for the pupils, and in teaching them habits of system, order, and neatness. The schoolroom is the only place where we can cultivate these habits in pupils; hence all the school furniture should be adapted to this end.

We believe this matter, as also that of æsthetic surroundings, is an important one; and it will doubtless receive more

attention in the future than it has in the past, since we have on our school board, those who will look more closely after the housekeeping (if we may be allowed to use the term in this connection) of schoolrooms than we of the sterner sex have done.

It would not perhaps be in good taste for the committee to speak in praise of their own work. But it may be admissible for the chairman in behalf of himself and of the gentlemen upon the board to acknowledge the excellent work done by our lady members in improving the appearance of our school-houses. In making suggestions for this, as in other matters, they have shown rare judgment, taste, and discrimination. The wisdom of the town in making this forward movement is thus made manifest. Here, as in other towns, the ladies have come into our school councils to stay.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

Below will be found a list of the different schools in town, the names of the teachers, and their salaries. The length of of the different schools is given at the end of this list.

High School, spring term, T. W. White; fall and winter terms, C. A. Brodeur; salary, $100 per month; assistant, Edna Bright; salary, $381; total, $1381.

Grammar, No. 1, Frances E. King; salary, $480.

Grammar, No. 2, Martha E. Davis, two terms only; salary, $288.

Sub-Grammar, No. 1, spring term, Martha E. Davis; fall and winter terms, Mary A. Sawyer; salary, $40 per month; total, $360.

Sub-Grammar, No. 2, Isabel M. Reilly; salary, $360.

Intermediate, No. 1, Ella G. Daniels; salary, $360.

Intermediate, No. 2, Emilie Albee; salary, $360.

Intermediate, No. 3, Susie E. Young, two terms; salary, $240.

Primary, No. 1, Louisa A. Metcalf; salary, $324.

Primary, No. 2, first term, A. Daisy Dorr; salary, $36 per month; fall and winter terms, Rebecca Dunning; salary, $32 per month; total, $300.

Primary, No. 3, first term, Susie E. Young; fall and winter terms, Mrs. L. A. Harris; salary, $36 per month; total $324.

Primary, No. 4, first term, Mary A. Sawyer; salary, $36 per month; fall and winter terms, Adeline McDonald; salary, $32 per month; total, $300.

Primary, No. 5, Nellie J. Cleary; salary, $324.

Primary, No. 6, May J. Blaisdell; salary, $324.

Primary-Intermediate, one term only, Delia M. Bailey and Mrs. L. A. Harris; salary, $36 per month; total, $108.

Populatic, first term, H. M. Howard; salary, $36 per month; fall and winter terms, Ella B. Daniels; salary, $32 per month; total, $300.

Northwest, Jennie B. Haslam; salary, $306.

Unionville, Clara M. Craig; salary, $324.

South Franklin. Julia C. Stockbridge; salary, $288.

Mount, Mary J. Burr; salary, $288.

City Mills, Hattie Gay; salary, $288.

Music, Mrs. L. T. Hosmer; salary, $325.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

High School and Grammar, No. 1, 40 weeks; Grammar, No. 2, 24 weeks; Sub-Grammar, Intermediate, Primary and outside schools, 36 weeks each, with the following exceptions: namely, Intermediate, No. 3, 22 weeks; Primary-Intermediate, Arlington street, 12 weeks.

For the Committee,

GEO. B. DORR.

GEO. B. DORR,
GEORGE KING,
WM. F. RAY,
MRS. R. M. FARNUM,
MRS. M. A. WIGGIN,
MISS LYDIA P. RAY,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

In accordance with the custom of former years we now present to you our annual report of the pauper department for the year 1888. The duties and responsibilities of Overseers of the Poor are sometimes simple, often complicated, but always imperative. One applicant may be reasonable in requests for aid while another will urge his demands regardless of reason or justice. In some cases little satisfaction is gained in either giving or receiving, but our aim in all cases has been to give reasonable and needful aid without encouraging a spirit of pauperism. It has been our endeavor in all cases to render aid with our best judgment according to the facts of each case.

OUTSIDE POOR.

The total number of persons having applied for and received aid during the year are 127; of these 46 have legal settlements in other towns; 17 were state paupers; the remaining 64 have settlements in this town. We have due us bills from the state to the amount of $305.42 which have been approved but will not be received in time for this report.

ALMSHOUSE.

This department during the year has been under the same management as last, with like results. The farm has been very profitable to the town and is being greatly improved. We would strongly recommend a sufficient appropriation to repair and paint the buildings which must be done the coming summer. We would also recommend the putting in of steam heat, not only for comfort but for safety.

G. E. Emerson,
W. H. Bright,
C. M. Allen,
Overseers of the Poor.

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

	Age.	Time.
George Daniels,	46	52 weeks
Levi Fisher,	79	52
Orin Adams,	78	52
Daniel Green,	83	52
James W. McPherson,	75	52
Charles A. Clark,	75	52
Pliny Cook,	87	52
Henry Grimes,	73	12
		376 weeks

Amount of property appraised by Overseers, January 27, 1889, $2,518.38.

GEORGE E. EMERSON,
Chairman Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Your Engineers would respectfully submit the following report:

The loss by fire the past year has been light; only one alarm June 12, for fire at Miller's cranberry storehouse; building and contents total loss.

Feb. 22, house of Betsy Harris, near Norfolk line, destroyed; no alarm.

July 14, house of Patrick Philips near Medway line; alarm responded to by Medway department; building total loss.

Dec. 6, stone mill, in Unionville, used by F. B. Ray as a picker house, was discovered on fire, but by the prompt arrival of Engine No. 2 the fire was soon out; loss small.

Dec. 23, small fire in house of Charles Johnson on Main street; no alarm.

Your department consists of five engineers, two engine companies, two hose and one hook and ladder company; department in good condition.

We have added the fire escape the past year, as required by law, at a cost of $120.

We would recommend the purchase of more hose.

For other appropriations we would refer you to the recommendations of your Selectmen.

G. E. Emerson,
B. M. Rockwood,
Frank Shiner,
Wm. H. Spear,
Wm. Buckley,
Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of the Town, May 1, 1888.

Assessed value of personal estate,	$490,475 00
" " real estate,	1,664,425 00
Total,	$2,154,900 00
Assessed value of buildings,	$1,036,665 00
" " land taxed,	627,760 00
Total,	$1,664,425 00

Number of acres of land taxed, 15,628 7-12.
" dwelling houses, 752.
" barns, 407.
" horses, 537.
" oxen, 24.
" cows, 694.
" other neat cattle, 132.
" swine, 63.
" sheep, 11.
" dogs, 273.
" soldiers enrolled, 657.
" polls, 1103.
Rate per thousand, $15.

ASA A. FLETCHER,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
SABIN HUBBARD,
Assessors of Franklin.

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Inhabitants of the Town:

The Library has been opened regularly during the year, excepting the usual vacation, when the books are called in for the annual examination.

The number of different persons taking books was 635. The number of volumes drawn was 11,124.

Collected in fines, $30.15; for catalogues and cards, $14.80. Total, $44.95.

Number of volumes covered 825; at a cost of $16.50.

There were three volumes not accounted for in the examination in August.

The committee has added to the library 138 volumes. There have been received, also, by donation, 30 volumes as follows: Census of Massachusetts, from C. D. Wright. Reports of Commissioner on Fish, 7 vols. Reports from Bureau of Education, 3 vols. Consular Reports, 8 vols. The Tenth Census. Reports of the State Board of Agriculture, from E. W. Sommers. The Village Church, from M. M. Fisher. Index to Public Statutes of Massachusetts. Trial of Henry Goodwin and Sarah Robinson, from the Secretary of State. Commercial Relations between the United States and Foreign Countries, 2 vols. Ayer's Almanac, and two pamphlets.

Number of volumes rebound, 88.

Expense of taking charge of the library, $346.15.

Expended for books, $192.67.

Wm. M. Thayer,
For the Directors.

SPECIAL POLICE REPORT.

The work in this department has been continued during the past year on the same line as for the two years previous, and in some respects quite as effectual.

I have served thirty-seven search warrants, and made twenty-two arrests in my work during the year.

No seizures have been made of any amount, nearly all the business being carried on with pocket flasks.

The prosecution of Charles W. Weeks for perjury in cases connected with the McParlands has been beneficial in its effect upon witnesses brought to rebut evidence for the Commonwealth.

James McParland, Phillip McParland, and Phillip Byers, who occupied the Pond building on Cottage street, were successfully prosecuted. James McParland now serving time at Dedham, and Phillip McParland and Phillip Byers are wanted for service, but are at present in another state, fleeing from justice.

James W. Miller and George W. Spear were each prosecuted for keeping a liquor nuisance. They plead guilty and paid fines each of fifty dollars and costs, signing at the same time agreements never to engage in the illegal sale or traffic in intoxicating liquors in this town again.

Edson B. Rhoads, John Reardon, and James Desper were successfully prosecuted for illegal keeping of intoxicating liquor for sale. Rhoads and Reardon were furnished money and paid their fines of fifty dollars and costs, and Desper was sent to jail. These men were engaged in what is termed the pocket business, getting the liquor in such quantities as they can readily handle, then finding their customers on the street, or wherever they can pick them up, and taking them into some corner or dark place to sell them a drink. Most of this business is carried on in the evening.

There are a few unprincipled men who are selling on our streets every night, but it is almost impossible to secure evidence that will be sufficient to convict.

The selling of cider is one of the chief troubles, as it can be sold in as small quantity as a quart not to be drank on the premises.

I have received from the Treasurer for this branch of my work for the year, $581 96

Paid for outside services,	$78 25	
For use of teams,	75 15	
For railroad fare,	14 36	
Blanks and postage,	1 95	
For services of self, 1649 hours,	412 25	
		$581 96

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AARON R. MORSE,
Special Police.

ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

For the Year 1889.

The Selectmen, as required by Sec. 5 of Art. 1 of the By-Laws of Franklin, have prepared the following estimates for current expenses of the town for the fiscal year of 1889, and respectfully submit the same:

For Support of schools,	$8,500 00
Repairs of buildings,	700 00
School books and supplies,	700 00
Miscellaneous school expenses,	600 00
Repairs of roads and bridges,	4,000 00
Repairs and construction of walks,	500 00
Support of Poor,	3,000 00
Repairs of town farm buildings,	500 00
Fire department,	2,000 00
Purchase of hose,	300 00
Water supply for hydrants,	3,600 00
Town officers,	1,800 00
Interest account,	800 00
Abatement and collection of taxes,	800 00
Street lights,	3,000 00
Printing and stationery,	350 00
Payment of police,	1,500 00
Payment of soldiers' aid,	500 00
For Franklin Library Association,	350 00

For Post 60, G. A. R., Decoration day,	$100 00
Suppression of illegal liquor traffic,	600 00
Miscellaneous town expenses,	1,200 00
Total,	$35,400 00

HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
ASA A. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

February 14, 1889.

HENRY R. JENKS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

1888. RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 1, 1888,		$1,293 87
Town of Oxford,	on pauper account,	258 86
" Bellingham,	" "	1 45
" Wrentham,	" "	95 24
" Mansfield,	" "	19 84
" Milford,	" "	106 00
" Hopkinton,	" "	76 96
" Norfolk,	" "	124 00
" North Adams,	" "	40 50
Wm. E. Nason, collector, taxes, 1882,		37 29
" " " 1886,		1,786 43
" " " 1887,		3,700 00
" " " 1888,		29,721 85
Town Farm, sales of produce,		1,075 84
Benj. Franklin Savings Bank, temporary loans,		21,500 00
King David Lodge of Odd Fellows, "		2,000 00
Interest on Lucretia Pond fund,		40 40
Licenses, Auctioneers,		2 00
" Circus,		10 00
" Pool tables,		8 00
" Dogs,		519 88
C. S. Merrill, court fees,		20 00
Anthony Connor, "		9 29
George King, sale of school books,		6 36
Nelson Corbin, sale of lamp,		1 50
Commonwealth of Mass., Income of school fund,		672 40
" " Corporation tax,		3,516 69
" " National bank tax,		294 37
" " Military aid under chap. 252,		363 00
" " State aid, under chap. 301,		484 00
" " State paupers,		20 00
" " Expense contagious diseases,		114 25
" " Burial State paupers,		30 00
J. Dolan, on pauper account,		85 35
A. C. Dana and H. S. Wilkes, licenses,		4 50
Commonwealth of Mass., on account of paupers,		192 43
William Mann, sale of horse,		125 00
		$68,357 55

WITH THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN.

1888.	Expenditures.	
Teachers' salaries,		$7,788 90
Schoolbooks and supplies,		1,141 20
Fuel for schools,		846 38
Care of schoolrooms,		477 15
Repairs of school buildings,		458 58
Miscellaneous school expenses,		493 36
Repairs and construction of roads, bridges and walks,		5,270 09
Support of almshouse,		1,909 12
Outside pauper expenses,		3,419 18
Fire department expenses,		2,154 63
Street lights,		2,110 24
Police expenses,		1,145 44
Town officers,		1,589 97
Printing and stationery,		299 85
State, county and bank taxes,		5,242 88
Decoration day expenses,		100 00
Improvement of North Park,		48 50
Tree planting,		50 00
Franklin Water Co., water supply,		3,342 81
Franklin Library Association,		350 00
Town notes,		23,500 00
Interest,		699 85
Military aid, under chap. 252,		792 00
State aid, under chap. 301,		453 00
Abatement of taxes,		891 28
Suppression of liquor traffic,		601 96
Miscellaneous town expenses,		1,494 98
Cash in treasury,		1,686 20
		$68,357 55

Henry R. Jenks, Treasurer.

Franklin, Feb. 1, 1889.

EXPENDITURES.

EDUCATIONAL.

PAYMENTS TO TEACHERS.

Paid Emilie Albee,	35	weeks,	$350 00
Delia M. Bailey,	8	"	72 00
Mary B. Blaisdell,	37	"	333 00
Edna Bright,	39	"	372 00
Mary J. Burr,	35	"	280 00
C. A. Brodeur,	19	"	475 00
Nellie J. Cleary,	35	"	315 00
Clara M. Craig,	35 3-5	"	320 40
Ella B. Daniels,	19	"	152 00
Ella G. Daniels,	35	"	350 00
Martha E. Davis,	35	"	384 00
A. Daisy Dorr,	16	"	144 00
Rebecca Dunning,	19	"	152 00
Hattie M. Gay,	35	"	280 00
Jennie B. Haslam,	35	"	297 50
L. A. Harris,	27	"	243 00
L. J. Hosmer,	48	"	374 00
Henry M. Howard,	20	"	180 00
Frances E. King,	38	"	456 00
Louisa A. Metcalf,	35	"	315 00
Isabelle M. Reilly,	35	"	346 00
Adeline McDonald,	19	"	150 00
Henry E. Ruggles,	4	"	40 00
Mary O. Sawyer,	31	"	296 00
Julia Stockbridge,	35	"	280 00
T. W. White,	20	"	500 00
Susie E. Young,	35	"	332 00
Total,			$7,788 90

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Warren P. Adams,	$147 10
H. E. Bachelder,	1 35
Julia Blaisdell,	4 75
Boston School Supply Co.,	197 85
Caroll W. Clark,	1 00
Cowperthwait & Co.,	62 04
Clark & Maynard,	5 40
DeWolf, Fiske & Co.,	15 75
A. M. Edwards & Co.,	15 00
Estes & Lauriat,	13 75
Ginn & Co.,	42 41
C. E. Griffin,	95
J. L. Hammett,	117 50
Harper Brothers,	76 11
D. C. Heath & Co.,	14 00
James A. Hoye & Co.,	63 70
Frances E. King,	60
Geo. F. King & Merrill,	3 75
Charles H. Kilborn,	8 10
Massachusetts Bible Society,	75
New England Publishing Co.,	60
Geo. S. Perry,	83 75
Prang Educational Co.,	24 00
Silver Rogers & Co.,	146 68
Silver Burdette & Co.,	40 43
Carl Schœnhof,	13 04
A. C. Stocking,	20 34
Edwin Trowbridge,	13 00
Lee & Shepard,	7 50
Total,	$1,141 20

PAYMENTS FOR FUEL.

Paid John W. Adams, cutting wood,	$2 00
W. H. Bright, wood,	49 75
Willard S. Bright, wood,	24 50

Paid John Cunningham, carting coal,		$1 40
M. M. Daniels, wood,		3 75
John Dunning, cutting wood,		7 00
T. J. Daniels, wood,		68 00
Amos Daniels, cutting wood,		6 00
George Daniels, kindlings,		75
E. G. Fiske, 3 cords of wood,		12 75
Hugh F. Finneran, cutting wood,		5 75
S. E. Gay, cutting wood,		88
A. J. Gilmore, wood and cutting,		31 75
Geo. O. Guild, shavings,		2 50
J. W. Heaton, coal,		430 85
Oliver A. Howard, cutting wood,		7 38
A. O. Miller, cutting wood,		8 75
C. J. McKenzie, coal,		26 62
Leander Mowry, 2 bbls. shavings,		20
Thomas McDermott, housing wood,		14 50
Ruel Mowry, cutting wood,		13 25
Wm. McDonald, cutting wood,		10 50
Arthur Morey, wood,		60
Albert J. Newell, wood and cutting,		25 12
Wilton A. Pond, wood,		13 75
Dennis Sullivan, wood,		27 50
Frank Robatry, cutting wood,		14 00
Jason Tower, wood,		14 23
R. H. Davison, cutting wood,		7 50
William Mann, coal,		14 85
Total,		$846 38

CARE OF SCHOOLROOMS.

Paid Eva Blake,	24 weeks,	$12 20
John Byrnes,	12 "	6 00
Geo. E. Daniels,	12 "	6 00
Eugene H. Dorr,	12 "	6 00
Bessie Dunning,	36 "	18 00

Paid R. H. Davison,	19 weeks,	$115 00
James T. Daniels,	24 "	12 50
Hugh F. Finneran,	36 2-7 "	18 20
Hattie M. Gay,	36 "	18 00
Samuel E. Gay,	39 "	105 00
Jennie B Haslam,	12 "	6 00
J. T. Hutchinson,	25 "	25 25
Gertrude Morey,	12 "	6 50
Arthur Morey,	12 "	6 00
Edwin A. Morse,	17 days.	8 50
Leander Morey,	12 weeks,	6 00
Charles Norton,	24 "	12 00
Gilbert W. Ruggles,	12 "	6 00
Joseph Titcomb,	11 "	55 00
Susie E. Young,	26 "	13 00
Charles L. Whitney,	12 "	6 00
Fred McDonald,	10 "	5 00
Peter LaMoul,	10 "	5 00
Total,		$477 15

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid Geo. A. A. Blake, on No. 10,	$3 00
J. Buckley, setting glass,	50
Boston Lightning Rod Co., repairs,	13 00
James Follansbee, on High and 'Latic,	80 10
G. H. Grant, Brick House, closets, blackboards,	117 40
Hugh F. Finneran, repairing stone work,	50
J. T. Hutchinson, painting,	63 48
Geo. P. Hutchinson, on Nason,	2 25
Henry McDonald, on Arlington Street,	1 00
P. McDonald, " "	14 21
Edwin A. Morse, on High,	2 00
John R. Meek, on Northwest,	4 75
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, on various houses,	66 75

Paid A. W. Newell, shingling 'Latic,	$16 69
James F. Ray, hardware,	70
O. A. Stanley, on various houses,	71 75
S. C. Taft, on High,	50
Total,	$458 58

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Nellie Allen, washing windows,	$ 50
F. M. Ballou & Co., concreting,	100 00
Mrs. Carr, cleaning,	3 50
Annie Carroll, cleaning,	5 25
James Carroll, "	9 75
C. P. Carter, ribbon,	1 75
Frank C. Cleveland, repairing furniture,	14 80
D. C. Cotton, stove and supplies,	110 41
J. G. Cunningham, team,	1 50
Henry Bemis, labor,	1 00
Hugh Finneran, labor,	1 00
Mrs. Oliver Gay, cleaning,	5 00
C. E. Griffin, cleaning and expressing,	27 85
E. F. Harttmann, chair,	6 65
G. P. Hutchinson, work on desks,	55
M. W. Howe, cleaning clock,	1 50
W. H. Howe, clocks and call bell,	10 62
J. T. Hutchinson, making coal bin,	10 20
Geo. King, express paid, etc.,	8 78
J. K. Meek, labor,	1 50
Bridget McCloskey, cleaning,	6 45
E. A. Mason, door scrapers,	75
McCarthy Brothers, powder, etc.,	24 00
Kate Mahoney, cleaning,	10 35
Aaron R. Morse, truant officer,	11 00
Geo. Murphy, labor,	1 00
R. L. McPherson, window shades,	2 80

Paid Allen W. Newell, truant officer,		$13 12
Sarah Owen, cleaning,		5 02
James F. Ray, supplies,		90
Razee & Sanborn, expressing books,		8 10
R. K. Stevens, labor,		5 25
Sentinel Publishing Company, cardboard,		5 63
S. W. Squire, taking census,		25 00
E. Trowbridge, rent of organs,		26 00
T. M. Turner & Co., supplies,		2 93
Dennis Sullivan, labor,		1 00
G. H. Willoby, cleaning clocks, etc.,		8 25
J. W. Richardson, grading,		4 50
Nelson Plath, instructing janitor,		5 00
Bridget Cullon,		4 20
Total,		$493 36

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid H. M. Stowers,	labor,	$774 96
William Keefe,	"	112 55
John Costello,	"	367 17
F. M. Osgood,	"	416 41
Michael Doherty,	"	101 83
John Lynch,	"	36 40
Stephen Maroney,	"	83 99
Frank Roberts,	"	63 35
A. S. Greenwood,	"	4 20
M. J. Hart, Jr.,	"	3 33
John Keefe,	"	59 84
John Stewart,	"	323 00
Washington Pierce,	"	10 95
Charles Haggerty,	"	7 01
C. S. Merrill,	"	4 20
Henry Cox,	"	121 44
Phillip Reilly,	"	277 03

Paid Adam Laundre,	labor,	$20	58
R. Golan,	"	14	00
Albert Golan,	"	7	00
Hugh McParland,	"	4	95
Charles Tingley,	"	40	07
George Golan,	"	31	85
Alfred Clark, Jr.,	"	3	30
William Redpath,	"	351	75
John Corbett,	"	3	50
Charles Ackley,	"	8	75
William A. Bartlett,	"	10	67
Wilton A. Pond,	"	79	60
Joseph Guild,	"	217	37
C. W. Hurd,	"	57	75
Daniel McLellan,	"	25	37
W. H. Fish,	"	55	99
W. A. Gurney,	"	1	75
L. W. Daniels,	"	39	42
Frank Wormel,	"	154	19
Clarence Quilter,	"	19	25
W. H. Thomas,	"	24	00
John W. Richardson,	"	16	49
Allen Newell,	"	3	50
W. F. Welch,	"	32	50
H. B. Kimball,	"	23	31
P. Haggerty,	"	1	10
Geo. S. Hosie,	"	2	57
R. B. Bailey,	"	49	25
P. R. Farr,	"	21	00
Benjamin Bresnahan,	"	29	75
John Stealon,	"	8	75
Dennis Sullivan,	"	18	00
Thomas Keefe,	"	16	50
C. Russell,	"		87
Augustus Boucher,	"	103	25
Dennis Mahoney,	"	23	28
Walter King,	"	5	00
J. W. Clark,	"	4	80

Paid George Bacon,	labor,	$6 00
G. L. Hill,	"	31 50
A. P. Smith,	"	9 30
John R. Meek,	"	4 90
George A. A. Blake,	"	51
Charles Cook,	"	1 75
G. P. Hutchinson,	"	15 30
R. M. Stowers, expenses in buying horses,		9 00
A. F. McLean, repairing harnesses,		42 01
E. A. Mason, blacksmithing,		69 77
R. B. Stewart, repairs,		39 01
William Bright, posts,		4 70
Fred Rogers, blacksmithing,		55 05
C. S. Merrill, gravel,		8 00
Geo. King, pipe,		5 40
N. Y. & N. E. Railroad Co., freight,		10 30
Geo. Tyler & Co., part of machine,		8 50
B. D. Aldrich, drain pipe,		102 00
H. M. Fuller, gravel,		3 50
D. C. Cotton, tools and pipe,		48 06
James Carroll, stones,		50
Wm. Mann, hay,		8 80
Mrs. G. Pond, gravel,		15 00
J. W. Heaton, hay and grain,		211 14
M. J. Hart, stones,		6 25
Jeremiah Desmond, gravel,		20 04
T. L. Martin, veterinary,		18 50
Common Committee, hay,		41 13
W. H. Bright, lumber,		59 40
Saxon Worsted Co., ashes,		1 70
Hosie & Huntoon, hardware.		13 00
F. B. Ray, 2 blankets,		7 50
A. H. Hill, gravel,		7 50
John G. Cunningham, teams,		86 38
Total,		$5,270 09

PAYMENTS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

Paid	C. P. Carter & Son, supplies,	$24 50
	E. A. Mason, blacksmithing,	32 25
	Opera Clothing House, clothing,	2 80
	S. Matthewson, crackers,	3 00
	N. Y. & N. E. Railroad Co., freight,	1 73
	S. S. Sleeper & Co., supplies,	40 65
	J. F. Lesure, shoes,	15 75
	H. W. Spurr & Co., groceries,	89 92
	W. S. Bright, two cows,	70 00
	Geo. B. Peck, salary,	487 50
	Warren H. Bright, fertilizers,	111 54
	Alexander Thayer, mending shoes,	90
	Samuel Wood, labor,	108 00
	A. H. Morse, pigs,	15 00
	Bradley & Co., mower and rake,	62 00
	C. W. Farrington, one cow,	40 00
	T. M. Turner & Co., groceries,	51 37
	Miller Brothers, fish,	2 46
	J. W. Heaton, grain,	348 65
	W. H. Hall & Son, two cows,	65 00
	Spring Pond Ice Co., ice,	8 36
	John J. Stewart, carting,	6 00
	Clark Brothers, glasses,	3 00
	J. G. Cunningham, team work,	32 40
	Byrnes Bros., bread,	6 95
	Razee & Sanborn, expressing,	1 50
	N. E. Hollis, butter,	36 84
	Charles S. Rand, cutting wood,	25 00
	O. F. Metcalf & Sons, grain,	59 87
	Geo. E. Emerson, meat,	108 97
	D. C. Cotton, hardware,	38 69
	Geo. B. Peck, overseers' order to	8 52
	Total,	$1,909 12

PAYMENTS FOR POOR OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Overseers' order for	Peter George,	$50	00
" "	Margaret Doherty,	48	00
" "	Murphy children,	10	00
" "	Jane D. Fisher,	70	00
" "	Dennis Feely,	8	00
" "	Mrs. Kimball,	8	00
" "	Mary Dugan,	18	00
" "	M. Perrin,	2	00
" "	Leander Weeks,	46	00
" "	Mrs. Tobin,	72	50
" "	Patrick Feeley,	46	00
" "	E. C. Newcomb,	26	00
" "	Patrick McGarrity,	12	00
John F. Frye, care	D. Brown and H. Macomber,	17	21
Razee & Sanborn,	moving Shepardson,	1	25
C. L. Fales,	support of D. L. Brown,	53	44
G. D. Heaton, "	tramps,		75
Anthony Connor, "	"	3	62
C. M. Maker, "	Nancy Blake,	66	00
C. T. Nye, "	Cynthia Brown,	52	00
William Mann, "	C. Quinn,	88	18
C. A. Hood, "	Mrs. D. Brown,	45	00
T. Shewsbury, "	Kate Newell,	36	00
J. D. Fisher,	board of N. H. Kimball,	12	00
H. M. Bullock,	rent, Henry Watkins,	26	25
Jenks, Cotton & Co.,	support of Miller family,	1	45
W. L. Palmer,	coal, Sarah Phillips,	8	25
James F. Ray,	supplies, Sullivan family,	96	00
Homer V. Snow,	rent, D. L. Brown,	16	39
John F. Frye,	care of D. Brown,	2	50
O. F. Metcalf & Sons,	support of D. L. Brown,	25	63
Clark & Mason,	" "	21	01
Dennis Sullivan,	wood for "	2	00
E. G. Fiske,	milk, "	9	45
J. W. Heaton,	fuel, "	2	25

Paid J. W. Heaton, fuel for D. A. Gay,	$7	00
" " for Shepardson,	2	00
T. M. Turner & Co., support of Kate White,	106	00
Geo. E. Emerson, support D. A. Gay family,	1	00
" " M. Parren,	3	63
" " Henry Watkins,	10	71
" " Mrs. John Carr,	11	63
" expenses for paupers,	10	95
" support of Annie Chisholm,	21	85
" " Shepardson,	15	53
G. A. Martin, M.D., attendance on D. L. Brown,	75	00
" " Brown,	28	00
" " H.Macomber,	27	00
" " S. Macomber,	22	50
Thompson & Clark, for Sarah Phillips,	69	00
C. P. Carter & Son., for Shepardson and Collins,	9	71
Mrs. R. B. Stewart, care of Mrs. Grimes,	1	00
Kate Sanborn, attending Mrs. Phillips,	23	35
James F. Adams, milk for Mrs. F. Phillips,	7	70
S. H. Barrett, for J. Raymond,	3	00
W. A. Pond, wood for Alex. Hill,	19	00
H. M. Fuller, rent "	36	00
Camp & Co., supplies, "	160	93
A. M. Waite, rent, D. A. Gay,	8	87
C. L. Fales, supplies for Pat Collins,	14	00
A. M. Smith, rent, J. Carr family,	36	00
J. B. Fitzpatrick, burial of Geo. McManus,	18	00
" " Michael Selloway,	36	00
Patrick Reynolds, services at lockup,	1	00
W. A. Pond, wood for J. A. Callaghan,	3	00
Patrick Connolly, for G. McManus,	33	00
A. F. Staples, for Mrs. Perrin,	20	10
Dr. Gallison, attending Mrs. Perrin,	30	81
Dr. Jencks, attending Fred Perrin,	22	00
Jenks, Cotton & Co., support of M. Perrin,	11	00
" " " " D. Gay family,	21	95

Paid Mrs. Dugan, support of Mrs Tobin,	$65	00
P. Feeley, care of Murphy children,	34	00
Thompson & Clark, support of Mrs. J. Carr,	64	51
William Mann, coal for Scesson,	8	25
Thompson & Clark, support of Mrs. F. Phillips,	15	31
Robert Stewart, care of Henry Grimes,	12	00
Deborah Fisher, care of Mrs. Kimball,	10	00
H. S. Morse, support of Welch,	7	00
C. M. Allen, milk for M. Doherty,	5	35
W. H. Gile, clothing for P. Collins,	5	25
W. H. Bright, wood for Mrs. Miller,	5	00
" " A. Harrison,	4	78
" " Welch,	5	62
E. K. Ray, milk for Passure,	1	60
Dr. Gallison, attending S. Weeks,	10	00
E. B. Stowe, for J. Callaghan,	19	48
Byrnes Bros., for A. Harrison,	12	30
" J. Callaghan,	15	00
Wm. Mann, coal for Annie Chisholm,	7	25
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, for various persons,	6	50
Henry Bemis, burial of Blake child,	2	00
T. M. Turner & Co., aid to Harrison,	24	03
Town of Marlboro, support of Mrs. Hart,	96	00
" Milford, support of Jacob Jackson,	13	50
" North Adams, support of Moran family,	18	56
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for Richard Collins,	169	92
" " " Phillip Dolan,	169	92
" " " Bridget McCue,	169	92
" " " Kate I. Newell,	169	92
" Insane Asylum, for Abby M. Blake,	169	92
" " " Robert Graham,	169	94
Total,	$3,419	18

PAYMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Alexander F. McLean, repair of engine,	$	50
Dennis Feeley, labor on engine,	4	50
Ed. Field, labor on hose carriage,	1	50
Charles Darling, repairing fire alarm,	2	00
C. M. Hurd, on engine 30 hours,	5	25
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	316	00
N. Y. & N. E. Railroad Co., freight on hose,		86
Fred Rogers, engineer 1 year,	12	00
D. W. Corson, "	12	00
J. F. Ray, supplies for engine house,		57
M. J. Long, care of engine hall,	18	47
J. B. Fitzpatrick, cleaning hose,	2	62
A. J. McFaden, drawing hose carriage,	1	25
W. E. Nason, collector, 107 firemen's poll taxes,	214	00
Town of Medway, department at Phillips fire,	4	00
Boston Woven Hose Co., life saving apparatus,	120	00
Lawrence Morissey, balance due as engineer,	2	00
J. G. Cunningham, horses to fires,	4	50
B. F. Fitzpatrick, labor on hose,	1	50
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, wood for engine houses,	4	00
Geo. E. Emerson, engineer and expenses,	14	60
D. C. Cotton, oil, etc.,	7	89
S. K. Freeman, 11 hours at forest fires,	2	75
Various persons, fire at Herman Fisher's,	22	87
Bernard McManus, fire at Miller street,	3	75
Various persons, fire at Lincoln street,	7	25
R. B. Stewart and man, at forest fire,	7	75
Various persons, forest fire at Albert Clark's,	2	75
C. P. Harding, forest fire at Grantville,	5	00
C. A. Stockbridge, forest fire,	2	50
A. S. Jackson, infantry overcoats, etc.,	21	00
Bradley M. Rockwood, engineer 1 year,	12	00
Lucy Jones, storing engine 1 year,	15	00
137 firemen,	1,302	00
Total,	$2,154	63

PAYMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING.

Paid W. H. Burgett, electric lights,	$1,313 34
M. W. Turner, "	693 34
W. S. Bright, setting lamp posts, etc.,	10 00
" care of lamps,	80 25
" T. M. Turner & Co., oil,	4 54
C. L. Fales & Co., oil,	1 05
James Mahon, street lights, Plain street,	7 72
Total,	$2,110 24

PAYMENTS FOR POLICE SERVICES.

Paid Silas W. Nickerson,	$100 00
Albert W. Newell,	7 25
Anthony Connors,	505 00
George D. Heaton,	186 47
C. S. Merrill,	328 22
H. M. Stowers,	5 75
J. B. Fitzpatrick,	6 75
Aaron R. Morse,	3 00
Anthony Connors, expenses at Dedham,	3 00
Total,	$1,145 44

PAYMENTS TO TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Nathan C. Nye, registrar,	$8 50
C. E. Griffin, "	17 93
James W. Desmond, "	6 75
George B. Dorr, school committee,	126 76
S. W. Squire, "	58 78
George King, "	152 50
Mrs. Mary A. Wiggin, "	50 00

Paid W. F. Ray, school committee,	$40 00
Sabin Hubbard, overseer of poor,	7 50
" " assessor,	141 25
Wm. Rockwood, "	117 50
A. A. Fletcher, "	133 75
George W. Wiggin, auditor,	50 00
Henry R. Jenks, selectman and treasurer.	250 00
Wm. Rockwood, "	85 00
A. A. Fletcher, "	75 00
Geo. E. Emerson, overseer of poor.	125 00
C. M. Allen, " "	50 00
W. H. Bright, " "	50 00
C. E. Griffin, town clerk,	40 00
Vincent LaForme, registrar,	3 75
Total,	$1,589 97

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid Sentinel Publishing Co., printing,	$241 25
J. L. Fairbanks, register for overseers,	7 00
J. M. Whittemore, stationery for assessors,	4 75
Allen & Brothers, stamp,	1 25
Lewis Engraving Co., printing for town officers,	22 50
Rand, Avery & Co., printing for assessors,	22 00
Henry E. Shepard, stationery,	1 10
Total,	$299 85

PAYMENTS OF STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer, state tax,	$2,520 00
County " county tax,	1,291 94
State Treasurer, national bank tax,	1,430 94
Total,	$5,242 88

PAYMENT FOR DECORATION DAY.

Paid Post 60, G. A. R.,	$100 00

PAYMENTS FOR TREE PLANTING.

Paid Franklin Improvement Society, for trees,	$42 00
Geo. S. Hosie, setting trees.	8 00
Total,	$50 00

IMPROVEMENT OF NORTH PARK.

Paid Geo. S. Hosie, carting fertilizers,	$8 50
" " fertilizers and seed.	40 00
Total.	$48 50

PAYMENTS FOR WATER SUPPLY.

Paid Franklin Water Co., water,	$3,097 50
Moving hydrants, Pleasant street,	45 31
Laying pipe at rubber works,	200 00
Total,	$3,342 81

FRANKLIN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Paid George W. Wiggin, treasurer,	$350 00

PAYMENTS OF TEMPORARY NOTES.

Paid Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank,	$21,500 00
Trustees King David Lodge of Odd Fellows,	2,000 00
Total,	$23,500 00

PAYMENTS OF INTEREST.

Paid Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank,	$619 85
Trustees King David Lodge of Odd Fellows,	80 00
Total,	$699 85

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Paid Wm. E. Nason, collecting taxes, 1885,	$319 95
Abatement, Estate Amos H. Holbrook, tax 1886,	3 97
" D. C. Cotton,	9 38
" Whipple Peck,	4 00
" Horace L. Cook,	1 50
" Various persons,	552 48
Total,	$891 28

PAYMENTS FOR SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Paid Aaron R. Morse, services,	$581 96
Wiggin & Faunce, " two cases,	20 00
Total,	$601 96

PAYMENTS OF MILITARY AID.

UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAP. 252, ACTS OF 1879.

Paid	Pliny A. Holbrook,	$216 00
	Marcus Gilmore,	144 00
	Joseph A. Day,	72 00
	Nathaniel S. Grow,	72 00
	Jeremiah D. Blake,	72 00
	George H. Greenwood,	72 00
	Thomas H. Coville,	72 00
	Francis V. Mann,	72 00
	Total,	$792 00

PAYMENTS OF STATE AID.

UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1879.

Paid	Annie E. Taft,	$48 00
	Daniel O. Corbin,	48 00
	Bridget Maun,	48 00
	Geo. W. Ballou,	8 00
	Nathaniel Ide,	48 00
	William Field,	72 00
	Richard H. King,	48 00
	George W. Thompson,	36 00
	Albert L. Jordan,	48 00
	John M. Burr,	36 00
	William V. Van Arsdalen,	16 00
	Total,	$456 00

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid	Geo. King, returning births,	$6 25
	E. F. Harttmann, repairing chairs,	65
	W. L. Enegren, injuries to horse and wagon,	33 20

Paid C. E. Griffin, binding town reports,	$1	75
" dog licenses, etc.,	3	25
" Harrison case, etc.,	21	77
" Recording births, etc.,	58	85
S. C. Taft, engineering on roads,	20	80
John Lynch, labor,		80
L. R. Whitaker, posting warrants,	12	50
A. F. McLean, repairing Corson's wagon,	8	50
Dean Academy, gas for town offices,	3	30
J. G. Ray, rent, town offices,	75	00
J. M. Freeman, postage stamps,	8	25
" insurance,	145	94
E. L. Metcalf, use of hall,	2	00
A. F. Benson, police regulations,		60
F. C. Hastings, paper for tables,	5	90
R. H. Davison, janitor of town hall,	20	72
John P. Lovell, handcuffs,	7	13
William Hall & Co., keys,	1	25
W. E. Averill, putting up awnings,		75
E. L. Burdakin, reports for assessors,	15	00
J. W. Heaton, coal for lockup,	2	00
Commonwealth of Mass., acct. liquor licenses,		50
John K. Robinson, painting,	14	34
Anthony Connors, services under dog law,	5	00
George H. Grant, bookcases,	140	00
Clerk of Courts, ret. County Commissioners,	3	00
William Rockwood, expenses as assessor,	1	68
Hosie & Huntoon, setting glass,	1	00
E. Robinson, Norfolk County Atlas,	15	00
W. H. Comey, labor, City Mills cemetery,	8	20
F. P. Guigon, labor in town officers' room,		35
John Butman, stone posts,	18	75
Anthony Connors, court expenses,	5	50
Geo. H. Grant, desk for town office,	17	00
J. W. Heaton, coal " "	17	90
W. E. Averill, taking down awnings,		75
Wm. Young, mowing cemetery,	10	50
W. H. Comey, attending court, Harrison case,	9	30

Paid Sentinel Publishing Co., voting list,	$5 00
Seth Blake, setting glass,	1 00
W. F. King, attending court, Harrison case,	3 30
E. R. Morse Safe Co., opening safe,	12 00
A. C. Kinney, monument, Lucretia Pond,	150 00
Hosie & Huntoon, labor on lockup,	84
W. E. Nason, taxes, Smith land,	3 15
Town of Medway, one-half cost setting bound,	5 25
J. G. Cunningham, horse hire,	7 50
O. A. Stanley, repairing town hall,	3 50
J. Cushing Gallison, returning births,	7 50
J. B. Fitzpatrick, returning deaths,	5 75
R. L. McPherson, returning deaths,	7 75
John E. Grant, setting town bound,	1 50
O. F. Metcalf & Sons, for town office, etc.,	3 28
Charles Abbe, burying horse,	5 00
G. W. Wiggin, expenses to New York,	21 00
Jeremiah McCarthy, " "	21 00
J. W. Heaton, coal for town office, etc,	19 00
D. C. Cotton, oil, etc., "	13 33
Wiggin & Faunce, services,	2 00
A. R. Morse, expenses,	75
Welch & Hall, pair of horses,	450 00
Wm. F. King, labor at City Mills,	20 65
Total,	$1,494 98

ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

Dr.

To personal property as appraised by the Overseers, January 31, 1888,	$2,338 20
Interest on cost of farm,	180 00
Cash paid from treasury during the year 1888,	1,909 12
	$4,427 32

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By personal property as appraised by the Overseers, January 27, 1889,	$2,518 38	
Cash sales at the farm,	1,075 84	
		3,594 22
Net cost at almshouse,		833 10
Net cash expenses outside poor,		3,419 18
Total pauper expenses,		$4,252 28

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Balance in treasury, February 1, 1889,		$1,686 20
Due from Commonwealth for military aid, under chap. 252,		396 00
" " State aid, under chap. 301,		456 00
" " State paupers,		305 42
from A. Harrison,		42 65
on taxes of 1887,	2,498 37	
" 1888,	6,315 26	
		8,814 63
Interest on Lucretia Pond fund,		40 00
		$11,740 90

LIABILITIES.

Two notes of $1,000 each due the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,	$2,000 00
Balance in favor of the town,	$9,740 90

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

For support of schools:		
Appropriated, support of schools,	$8,500 00	
Books and supplies,	650 00	
Repairs school buildings,	400 00	
Miscellaneous school expenses,	500 00	
Income from State school fund,	672 40	
Dog licenses,	519 88	
Sale of books,	6 36	
		$11,248 64
Expended for teachers,	$7,788 90	
Books and supplies,	1,141 20	
Fuel,	846 38	
Care of schoolrooms,	477 15	
Repairs school buildings,	458 58	
Miscellaneous expenses,	493 36	
		11,205 57
Unexpended,		$43 07
Repairs and construction of roads, bridges and sidewalks:		
Appropriated,		$5,125 00
Expended,		5,270 09
Overdrawn,		$145 09
Support of poor:		
Appropriated,	$3,000 00	
Receipts from state, towns and almshouse,	2,126 47	
		$5,126 47
Expended,		5,328 30
Overdrawn,		$201 83

Fire department:	
Appropriated.	$2,400 00
Expended,	2,154 63
Unexpended,	$245 37
Water supply:	
Appropriated,	$3,000 00
Expended,	3,342 81
Overdrawn,	$342 81
Payment of town officers:	
Appropriated,	$1,800 00
Expended,	1,589 97
Unexpended,	$210 03
Interest:	
Appropriated,	$700 00
Expended,	699 85
Unexpended,	15
Abatement and collection of taxes:	
Appropriated,	$800 00
Expended,	891 28
Overdrawn,	$91 28
Lighting streets:	
Appropriated,	$2,800 00
Expended,	2,110 24
Unexpended,	$689 76
Franklin Library Association:	
Appropriated.	$350 00
Expended,	350 00

Printing and stationery:		
Appropriated,		$300 00
Expended,		299 85
Unexpended,		15
Police:		
Appropriated,		$1,200 00
Expended,		1,145 44
Unexpended,		$54 56
Suppression of illegal liquor traffic:		
Appropriated,		$600 00
Expended,		601 96
Overdrawn,		$1 96
Tree planting:		
Appropriated,		$50 00
Expended,		50 00
Improvement North Park:		
No appropriation.		
Expended,		$48 50
Decoration Day:		
Appropriated,		$100 00
Expended,		100 00
Miscellaneous expenses:		
Appropriated,	$1,500 00	
Received from State, for military and state aid,	847 00	
		$2,347 00
Expended, miscellaneous,	$1,494 98	
" for military and state aid,	1,245 00	
		2,739 98
Overdrawn,		$392 98

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

In accordance with the statute, I hereby report that I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers, of the various officers of the town, and find them correct as set forth in the foregoing detailed statement.

GEORGE W. WIGGIN, Auditor.

WARRANT

FOR

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 4, 1889.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Franklin,

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the qualified voters of said town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the fourth day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear a report of the settlement with the treasurer, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To hear a report of the collector of taxes, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 5. To see in what way and manner the town will collect its taxes for the current year.

ART. 6. To see in what way and manner the town will repair its roads, bridges and sidewalks the current year.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take relative to a pound.

ART. 8. To hear a report from the selectmen respecting guide boards.

ART. 9. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to Franklin Post No. 60, G. A. R., for decorating soldiers' graves Memorial Day.

ART. 10. To see if the town will restrain neat cattle, horses, mules and swine from running at large the year ensuing.

ART. 11. To see what compensation the town will pay the engineers of the fire department, and members of the fire, hose, hook and ladder companies the current year.

ART. 12. To hear a report of the engineers of the fire department and act thereon.

ART. 13. To vote the names of a suitable number of persons into the jury box for the current year.

ART. 14. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No" in answer to to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take relative to a police force.

ART. 17. To hear the reports of committees appointed at prior town meetings.

ART. 18. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in Franklin for the year ensuing.

ART. 19. To see in what way and manner the town will vote to light its streets the year ensuing.

ART. 20. To see if the town will grant the use of the Town Hall each Thursday evening for the current year to the Sons of Temperance.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take to supply needed accommodation for the High School, either by building a new school house or otherwise.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take to build a fence in whole or in part around the Arlington street school-house.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to print the valuation list for the year 1889.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to adopt chapters 50 and 51 of the Public Statutes and all acts amendatory there to, the same being known as the betterment law.

ART. 25. To see if the town will adopt a system of sewerage, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to take as a place for the erection of a town hall, a piece of land in said town, situated at the corner of Main and School streets belonging to Joseph H. Daniels and Emory Pond, and bounded by said streets, land of F. Leslie Metcalf, J. P. & J. G. Ray and Davis Thayer, Jr., or take any other action in relation to procuring said land for said purpose.

ART. 27. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint a board of health.

ART. 28. To hear a report of the selectmen laying out a town way from Union street to Fisher street, and act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to repair and paint the buildings on the poor farm.

ART. 30. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to establish the lines of all town ways in Franklin, or take any action in reference thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the town will take any and what action to amend its By-Laws.

ART. 32. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, or as may be required to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year: and especially to

act upon all the appropriations recommended by the selectmen, or by any town officers or committees.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
ASA A. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

A true copy. Attest:

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of Franklin.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

TO PARENTS AND HOUSEHOLDERS.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,

FRANKLIN, February, 1889.

The attention of parents and householders is hereby called to the provisions of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, with reference to the duty of their making returns of births and deaths which occur in their families.

"Parents shall give notice to the Clerk of their city or town, of the births and deaths of their children. Every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house. The eldest person next of kin shall give such notice of the death of his kindred.

"Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars."—*Public Statutes of Massachusetts, Chapter 32, Section 2.*

These returns should be made as promptly as possible, and in all cases on or *before* the first day of January of each year. The proper blanks for the purpose may be had *free* at the Clerk's office.

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN FRANKLIN DURING 1888.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 5	Blanche Caroline Carron	Thomas W. and Cora
" 8	George Gay	David A. and Mary L.
" 10	Bertha Elizabeth Bragg	Charles B. and Chloe
" 20	Bernard Stowell Cleveland	George L. and Ella F.
Feb. 2	Lucy Hunter	Martin and Mary A.
" 2	Arthur Henry Barrett	Henry D. and Winona E.
" 2	Hazel Blanche Furgeson	William G. and Blanche
" 3	Wendell Phillips Lloyd	Joseph and Kate
" 4	Robena Morrell	Raymond G. and Victoria
" 5	——Darling	Albert A. and Martha A.
" 10	George Arthur Fulton	Alfred and Catherine E.
" 10	Harold Reed Metcalf	Nahum F. and Eva F.
" 11	Charles Daniel McKennon	James B. and Maggie
" 18	——Norton	Edson H. and Nellie A.
" 23	Margaret Kerr Furgeson	James and May
" 24	Frank Ford	James and Mary
March 1	Clara Belle Dalton	Benjamin W. and Allie A.
" 29	Ethel Emma Wales	Adelbert and Lizzie
April 8	Alice Marion Cox	Harry T. and Mary
" 11	Frederic Snow Spurr	William S. and Nellie S.
" 12	Beatrice Florence Roger	William C. and Ella C.
" 15	Elizabeth Eleanor Power	Morris W. and Bridget M.
" 19	Mabel Louise Snow	Walter H. and Melvina
" 22	Thomas Morris-ey	Lawrence E. and Hannah
" 22	——Eastman	George W. and Annie
May 3	May Gertrude Pedon	John and Elizabeth
" 5	James McGroary	Cornelius and Bridget
" 5	(Still born) Connor	Anthony and Sarah J.
" 6	Harriet Mabel Webber	John and Anna M.
" 9	Flora May Leland	John and Clea
" 10	Harry Grafton Hutchinson	Robert and Emma
" 17	Urban Chester Holmes	Urban and May E.
" 18	Grace Carpenter Waterman	John A. and Grace
June 5	William Elmer Harrison	William H. and Hattie J.
" 5	Anna Bourasse	Lewis and Anna
" 7	Edbury Raymond Enegren	William L. and Sadie E.
" 12	Eva Snow	Frank and Eliza
" 14	Emily Irene Griffin	Clarence E. and Addie A.
" 17	Alice Victoria Merrill	Charles S. and Emma J.
" 21	Frederic Bishop Weeks	Leander E. and Sarah J.
" 22	Irene Ladd Slosson	Myron H. and Catherine
" 24	Bertha Jane Palmer	John G. and Abbie E.
July 6	Elizabeth May Bonsall	William H. and Eliza A.
" 8	William Henry Spence	Harry and Sarah
" 12	Leo McCarty	Jeremiah and Jennie J.
" 15	William Youso	Thomas and Rosie

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
July 19	Lillian Belle Coleman	George B. and Maria
" 21	Adelia Clark Osgood	Frank M. and Emma
" 31	Daniel Joseph Buckley	Daniel and Margaret
Aug. 6	(Stillborn) Cook	Nahum H. and E. R.
" 6	Ethel Marian Smith	James A. and Minnie P.
" 8	Mary Ann Lundy	James and Ella.
" 11	Nelson Ephraim Power	George M. and Blanche L.
" 12	Marion Whitney Cleveland	Frank E. and Ella A.
" 14	Albert Howard Razee	Arthur and Addie
" 19	Eleanor Webster Greene	Henry W. and Mattie
" 20	David Chester Malloy	John and Annie
" 25	Carrie Seed Vanarsdalen	Charles D. and Nellie S.
Sept. 8	John Francis McCarty	Michael and Sarah J.
" 9	Walter Olney Chilson	James O. and Melansa G. M.
" 13	Mary Etta Conroy	Matthew and Mary E.
" 18	Arthur Gilchrist Brodeur	Clarence A. and Mary C.
" 23	Edward Russell	Christopher R. and Maria L.
" 23	Winslow Everett Stowers	Herbert M. and Elizabeth E.
Oct. 5	Rosa Laport	William and Cadie
" 10	Bertha Louise Grant	George H. and Margaret F.
" 11	Frank Herbert Ledbury	John and Maria A.
" 15	Maud Lillian Granger	Harry and Bridget
" 20	Eunice Cutler Kimball	Henry B. and Minnie A.
" 21	Myrtie Maud McFaden	Melvin W. and Nettie J.
" 21	Albert Dunn	James and Margaret
" 28	Stanley Hildreth Fernald	Robert P. and Jennie F.
" 30	John James Brogan	James and Bridget
Nov. 2	——Greenup	John and Mary
" 3	Etta Frances Cody	William H. and Catherine
" 7	May Veronica Cody	William G. and Nora M.
" 20	Charles Edward Feeley	Timothy E. and Lena
Dec. 1	Louis Govan	Lewis and Selina
" 4	Margery Louise Selleck	Willard C. and Mary L.
" 7	Willard Parker Cook	Bliss and Eliza A.
" 7	(Stillborn) Cook	Bliss and Eliza
" 9	Elizabeth Bruiso	Lewis and Lizzie
" 10	——Hollis	M. W. and Ella R.
" 17	Michael Joseph McCue	Patrick and Bridget
" 19	George Bouchee	Augustus and Selina
" 30	Herbert T. Blake	Lewis A. and Eliza L.
" 31	Edna May Jewett	Kerwin R. and Ella
1886.		
July 4	Eva Maud Palmer	John G. and Abbie E.
1887.		
Aug. 11	Adelia Brown	John and Kate

Males, 40 ; females, 49 ; total number, 89.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN FRANKLIN DURING 1888.

Date.	Names of Parties.	Age.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 3	Wm. N. R. McDougall	21	Charles and Julia A.
	Mary Julia Albertin	20	Ernest T. and Ann
" 4	Edwin J. Pond	48	Goldsbury and Julia A.
	Mahala E. Greenup	25	Isaac W. and Jane
" 18	Kerwin R. Jewett	32	Levi and Margaret
	Ellen Adeliza Lesure	25	John F. and Adelia
" 26	Wallace Spencer Adams	29	Lyman and Sarah E.
	Mary Helen Moran	32	Lyman and Catherine
Feb. 13	John H. Gormely	26	John and Sarah
	Mary Feeley	22	Patrick and Hannah
" 13	John F. Healy	32	Patrick and Hannah
	Maggie Brogan	28	Patrick and Belle Murray
" 13	James Murray	26	Patrick and Belle
	Rosie Ward	22	Dennis and Mary
" 21	George H. Freeman	35	Francis and Phebe
	Ruth A. Allen	34	Joshua and Nancy Burgess
" 28	George H. Allen	25	George and Maria
	Jennie L. Pond	23	Albert and Hattie
April 5	Percy G. Holmes	24	Charles F. and Julia H.
	Mima E. Allen	24	Thomas B. and Martna M.
" 7	Victor Bellan	30	Peter and Perphtue
	Emma Belleville	27	Felix and Mary
" 14	Rufus F. White	40	Lysander and Susan
	Abbie L. McGoty	40	Patrick and Mary
May 22	Albert J. McWilliams	27	John and Sarah
	Nellie Connolly	28	Patrick and Mary
June 10	Joshua P. Howard	49	Joshua and Lydia B.
	Lizzie A. Dudley	29	Edward W. and Hannah Morse
" 16	Arthur G. Hopkins	24	Jesse B. and Ellen F.
	Sarah E. Hill	21	Joshua P. and Caroline
" 21	Abbott Davis Whiting	27	Daniel P. and Lydia A.
	Nellie S. Dascomb	28	Moody K. and Martha R.
" 24	Peter James McMahon	21	Peter and Margaret
	Mary Bouchee	18	Augustus and Mary
" 27	Edwin L. Wolley	39	Edwin A. and Mary H.
	Mary S. Stevens	21	Nathaniel and Mary J.
July 4	Edward E. King	20	Warren N. and Julia
	Jennie I. Davis	20	Theodore and Bertha

Date.	Names of Parties.	Age.	Names of Parents.
July 11	Thomas A. Clark	31	William H. and Prudence
	E. Annie Chapman	21	Frank W. and F. M.
" 28	Martin Ryan	25	Patrick and Kate
	Ellen Louise Power	15	Everett J. and Isabella L.
Aug. 8	William E. Coman	25	William A. and Frances A.
	Kate A. Curtis	21	Julien and Laura
" 11	Thomas Hallam	45	Thomas and Eliza
	Mary Jane Jones	29	James and Sarah Ann
" 17	Handley S. Christopher	22	Zenas and Martha
	Mary K. Josselyn	22	Francis and Roxanna
" 17	Victor Bellon	30	Peter and Perphtue
	Emma Bellville	27	Felix and Mary
" 22	H. Arthur Sanderson	29	Stillman and Sarah M.
	A. Daisy Dorr	24	George B. and Sarah C.
Sept. 11	Paul H. Papineau	22	Xavier and Ermine
	Celia Darwin	18	Louis and Addie
" 11	Bartholomew E. Murphy	28	Michael and Hannah
	Maria Cleary	28	Michael and Mary
" 22	Charles Holstrom	27	Alfred and Eusephina
	Laura Wecktorine	27	John and Hannah
" 25	Fred A. Cotton	26	Charles E. and Emma T.
	Abbie A. Douglass	30	Henry H. and Josephine
" 25	Henry A. Talbot	29	Warren A. and Laura A.
	Sarah F. Hancock	22	Frank E. and Hannah M.
" 30	Daniel A. Darling	23	Milton A. and Phebe A.
	Susie J. Mann	19	Elijah J. and Jane
Oct. 10	Albert Hosmer	25	Richmond and Caroline
	Carrie Eva Hills	20	Joseph and Mary A.
" 18	Brenton W. Clark	28	William H. and Prudence
	Carrie A. Taber	22	Harrison P. and Ruth E.
" 23	William A. Cotton	29	Daniel C. and Abbie
	Ella M. Hamilton	25	John and Esther
" 28	John McDonnough	40	Martin and Penelope
	Lizzie H. Cahill	42	James and Susanna Henry
" 29	James H. Carney	28	Michael and Elizabeth
	Lizzie V. Callahan	24	Timothy and Ann.
Nov. 3	Louis Paruiso	25	Michael and Eliza
	Elizabeth Barro	18	Edward and Margaret

Date.	Names of Parties.	Age.	Names of Parents.
Nov. 5	Alfred Clark	40	Alfred and Polly W.
	Julia A. Reed	43	Isaac and Eliza Roberts
" 6	Archibald R. Carley	25	Matthew and Margaret
	Mary Ann Quinn	26	Michael and Johanna
" 27	John F. Coughlin	27	Daniel and Margaret A.
	Mary A. Chisholm	20	William D. and Annie N.
Dec. 8	Elisha B. Smith	32	John and Elizabeth
	Flora Peary	34	William C. and Eliza Johnson
" 24	Lewis A. Arnold	21	Lewis and Eliza G.
	Flora Arletta Brown	22	Ezekiel P. and Hannah J.
" 24	Ambrose E. Brown	26	Ezekiel P. and Hannah J.
	Martha Etta Greenwood	21	Herman S. and Lucina B.
" 25	Timothy E. Kane	23	Timothy and Catherine
	Mary J. Sweeney	20	John and Mary
" 26	Edgar L. Smith	21	Ruel W. and Jennie L.
	Mabel S. Haywood	17	William P. and Mary M.
" 26	Frederic E. Mann.	22	Francis V. and Louisa L.
	Jennie Blanche Haslam	19	Wesley W. and Hattie B.

DEATHS RECORDED IN FRANKLIN DURING 1888.

Date.	Names of Persons.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Y.	M.	D.
January 1	Nancy C. Whiting	Old age	87	3	7
" 5	Ella Jenks	Enteralgia	41	—	5
" 18	Alice Curtis Walker	End-carditis	11	8	11
" 22	Henry Laport	Bronchitis	1	—	18
" 23	Walter A. Blake	Marasmus	—	5	17
" 26	William Kane	Suicide	27	8	—
" 26	Matthias Weeks	Old age	90	1	9
February 4	Caroline Ballou	Congestion of lungs	86	11	4
" 11	Cora Avery	Acute meningitis	—	9	—
" 11	Lydia B. Whiting	Pneumonia	75	11	2
" 17	E. Darwin Cook	Heart disease	67	—	—
" 26	Robert P. Phinney	Paralysis of heart	44	—	—
March 6	Edith Straffin	Consumption	30	1	11
" 9	James Lennon	Phthisi	23	9	6
" 10	Diadema Chilson	Paralysis	79	10	5
" 12	James Donovan	Cardiac dropsy	73	—	—
" 25	Lavina F. Cross	Heart disease	24	11	30
" 26	Charles W. Hurd	Scarlatinal dropsy	11	10	12
" 27	Willard Miller		57	5	27
" 28	Sarah B. Akerman	Pneumonia	76	—	—
April 14	Benjamin D. Pond	Pneumonia	83	5	24
" 17	Hannah D. Pond	Heart disease	70	—	—
" 21	Delia M. Bailey	Cephelltis	22	11	16
" 23	Katie M. Kane	Asthma	25	4	—
May 2	Jotham D. Williams	Heart disease	45	4	7
" 4	Joseph Williams	Pneumonia	69	9	8
" 5	James Donovan	Pericardetis	52	—	—
" 7	John Doyle	Cancer	54	4	16
" 12	James McGroary	Convulsions	—	—	7
" 24	Myrtie C. Demerritt	Scrofula	1	11	—
June 9	Mary A. Hunter	Consumption	28	—	—
" 25	James H. Byrnes	Peritonitis	21	9	4
July 3	Sylvia Hawes	Cancer	81	—	—
" 3	Lyman P White	Cancer of stomach	82	4	13
" 4	Lizzie M. King	Gastritis	20	6	16
" 12	Elbridge M. Phipps	Cancer of rectum	54	7	—
" 16	John Connor	Cystitis	88	6	12
" 19	Frederick T. Holmes	Consumption	—	7	—
" 19	Louise A. Chilson	Cerebritis	46	6	—
" 26	Michael J. Maroney	Railroad accident	5	8	16
" 27	Anna Bourasse	Marasmus	—	1	22
" 29	Ogelcon M. Rivers	Diarrhœa	1	—	—
August 1	Henry R. Woolford	Meningitis	1	1	—
" 5	Edmond C. Linton	Cholera infantum	—	9	—
" 15	Lucy Hunter	Marasmus	—	6	11
" 16	Hugh McParland	Entro-colitis	66	4	30
" 27	Emily B. Stetson	Phthisis pulmonalis	48	5	15
Septem. 15	George McManus	Consumption	21	—	—
" 16	Catherine F. Bullard	Cancer	58	5	27
" 23	Michael Gilleney	Unknown	24	4	9
" 23	Ann Gilleney	Unknown	49	—	—
" 27	Shadrach Atwood	Old age—heart failure	87	4	10
" 27	Edwin A. Lewis	Heart disease	49	4	17
October 5	Ruth H. Smith	General debility	60	8	3
" 6	George E. Barro	Chronic diarrhœa	1	1	6
" 20	Walter O. Chilson	Bronchial catarrh	—	1	11
" 27	Louise C. Williams	Phthisis	71	6	—
" 29	Gustavus A. Ekensteen	Consumption	23	4	22
Novemb'r 25	Louis E. Nourse	Peritonitis	20	6	13
" 27	Mary A. Walker	Gastric ulcer	20	4	28
December 6	John Long	Apoplexy	71	—	—
" 17	William Hutchinson	Consumption	28	10	—
" 17	J. Walter Fuller	Phthisis	34	4	22
" 22	Francis W. Smith	Pneumonia	48	11	4
" 25	William E. Keefe	Accident	19	11	—

Number of males, 39 ; females, 26 ; total, 65.

Average duration of life, 39 years, 7 months, 3 days.

FRANKLIN TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 1888.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, in said County. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the qualified voters of said Town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear a report of the settlement with the Treasurer, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To hear a report of the collector of taxes, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of the School Committee to six.

ART. 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see what sums of money the Town will grant the current year for the Support of Schools, for Repairs of Schoolhouses, for Miscellaneous School Expenses, for the Purchase of School Books and School Supplies, for the Support of the Poor, for Repairs of Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks, for Support of Fire Department, for the Purchase of Hose, for Water Supply of Hydrants, for Payment of Town Officers, for Payment of Interest Account, for Abatement and Collection of Taxes, for Lighting Streets, for Defraying the Expenses of the Franklin Library Association, for Printing and Stationery, for Miscellaneous Expenses.

ART. 7. To see in what way and manner the Town will collect its taxes for the current year.

ART. 8. To see in what way and manner the Town will repair its Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks the current year.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take relative to a Pound.

ART. 10. To hear a report from the Selectmen respecting Guide Boards.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will grant any and what sum of money to Franklin Post No. 60, G. A. R., for decorating soldiers' graves on Memorial Day.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, Mules and Swine from running at large the year ensuing.

ART. 13. To see what compensation the Town will pay the Engineers of the Fire Department and Members of the Fire, Hose and Hook and Ladder Companies the current year.

ART. 14. To hear the report of the Engineers of the Fire Department and act thereon.

ART. 15. To vote the names of a suitable number of persons into the jury box for the current year.

ART. 16. To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this Town?"

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 18. To see what action the Town will take relative to a Police Force, and grant a sufficient sum of money to pay the same.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools or to join with some other town in the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, or to take any action in relation thereto that may be deemed proper and to make the necessary appropriation therefor.

ART. 20. To hear a report of the Selectmen laying out a Town Way from Union Street to Fisher Street, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To hear the reports of Committees appointed at prior town meetings, and act thereon.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend, in such way and manner as they may deem judicious for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in Franklin for the year ensuing.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to locate additional hydrants on Summer Street in said Franklin.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will take any, and what, action relative to locating and constructing a sewer from Main Street, in the vicinity of the Postoffice, easterly.

ART. 25. To see in what way and manner the Town will light its streets the current year.

ART. 26. To see whether this Town will require the County Commissioners of the County of Norfolk to establish a Truant School, or Truant Schools, in this County, or to unite in establishing a Truant

School in this County, or in some other County contiguous to this County, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 14, Chapter 48, of the Public Statutes, and the act amendatory thereof.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to repeal its By-Laws on Truancy so far as relates to the Almshouse as the place of commitment for Truants. Said repeal not to take effect till the County Commissioners or other authorities shall have provided a more suitable place.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will grant the use of the Town Hall each Thursday evening for the current year to the Sons of Temperance.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the improvement of the South Park, so called, the money to be expended under the supervision of the Franklin Improvement Society.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars for tree planting the current year.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

DANIEL C. COTTON,
HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
Selectmen of Franklin.

NORFOLK, ss.

Feb. 23rd, 1888. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1888, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the Postoffices of the Town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Sect. Two of Article One of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER,
Constable of Franklin.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon. Attest:
CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MARCH MEETING.

MARCH 5, 1888.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town of Franklin met in their Town Hall, on the fifth day of

March, A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and proceeded as follows:

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Erwin Dennett.

The warrant was then read by the Town Clerk.

MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 1. The meeting then made choice, by ballot, the check list being used, of William F. Ray for Moderator, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

ART. 2. Voted, that the report of the Treasurer, as set forth in the published town report for the current year, be accepted.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR.

ART. 3. Voted, to accept the report of the Collector as embodied in the town report for the year past.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ART. 4. Voted, to increase the number of the School Committee to six.

Voted, to elect three constables.

Voted, to take up Article 16 and vote and act upon it at the same time with Article 5.

Voted, that the polls be kept open till two o'clock P. M.

TOWN OFFICERS.

ART. 5. The meeting then made choice, by ballot, of the following named Town Officers, the check list being used. The polls were opened at 10.15 A. M.

Selectmen: Henry R. Jenks, William Rockwood, Asa A. Fletcher; and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk: Clarence E. Griffin; and he was sworn by William Rockwood, Justice of the Peace.

Treasurer: Henry R. Jenks; and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Auditor: George W. Wiggin.

Assessors: William Rockwood, Asa A. Fletcher, Sabin Hubbard,

Overseers of the Poor: George E. Emerson, Warren H. Bright, Cyrus M. Allen.

Collector: William E. Nason.

School Committee: William F. Ray, for three years; Miss Lydia P. Ray, for three years; Mrs. Mary A. Wiggin, for two years; Mrs. Rebecca Farnum, for one year.

Constables: Lewis R. Whitaker, William E. Nason, Timothy Packard; and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Fence Viewers: Bradley M. Rockwood, Alexander F. McLean, William Mann; and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

LICENSE.

ART. 16. Upon the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town?" the vote being taken by ballot, the ballots being deposited in a cancelling ballot box according to law, the keys of which had been delivered to Constable William E. Nason, and the check list being used, two hundred and forty-five (245) persons voted "No," and five (5) persons voted "Yes."

The following officers were then elected by open vote:

Field Drivers: Bradley M. Rockwood, William E. Crowningshield, John M. Dow; and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Pound Keeper: George B. Peck.

Voted, that the remaining town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Voted to take up Article 19.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ART. 19. Voted to dismiss this article.

Voted to take up Article 11.

G. A. R. POST, NO. 60.

ART. 11. Voted, to appropriate one hundred dollars to Franklin Post No. 60, G. A. R., for decorating soldiers' graves on Memorial Day, any portion unexpended to be turned into the Charity Fund of said Post.

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned for one week from

to-day (Monday, March 12, 1888), at one o'clock in the afternoon.

A true record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MARCH MEETING,

MARCH 12, 1888.

Meeting called to order at one o'clock P. M., by the Moderator, William F. Ray.

ART. 6. Voted, to lay Article 6 on the table.

LIGHTING STREETS.

ART. 25. Voted, to take up Article 25.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject matter of Article 25, and be empowered to employ expert counsel if necessary, and report at an adjourned meeting.

The following named gentlemen were elected to compose said committee, viz: Homer V. Snow, Asa A. Fletcher, Joseph G. Ray.

Voted, that this meeting stand adjourned till Monday, March 19, 1888, at nine o'clock A. M.

A true record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

SECOND ADJOURNED ANNUAL MARCH MEETING,

MARCH 19, 1888.

Meeting called to order by William F. Ray, Moderator.

ART. 6. Voted to take Article 6 from the table.

Voted, to raise five thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($5,125) for roads, bridges and sidewalks, of which sum one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125) may be expended on the bridge in South Franklin near John Canney's.

Voted, that the roadmaster be required to concrete the following described sidewalks, viz: the sidewalk on the norther-

ly side of Central street from Union to Emmons street, and on the westerly side of Main street, from High street to Joseph G. Ray's homestead line, at an estimated cost of about two hundred and fifty dollars ($250); the cost of said concreting to be paid out of the appropriation for roads, bridges and sidewalks, on condition that the abutters pay one-half the cost of the concreting.

Voted, that the item of appropriation for lighting the streets be laid on the table.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ART. 6. Voted, to grant and appropriate, for the following named purposes, the following sums of money, viz:

Support of Schools, eight thousand five hundred dollars,	$8,500 00
Repairs of School Buildings, four hundred dollars,	400 00
School Books and School Supplies, six hundred and fifty dollars,	650 00
Miscellaneous School Expenses, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Repairs of Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks, five thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	5,125 00
Support of the Poor, three thousand dollars,	3,000 00
Support of Fire Department, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
Purchase of Hose, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Water Supply of Hydrants, three thousand dollars,	3,000 00
Payment of Town Officers, one thousand eight hundred dollars,	1,800 00
Payment of Interest Account, seven hundred dollars,	700 00
Repair of Engine Houses, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Abatement and Collection of Taxes, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Lighting Streets, two thousand eight hundred dollars,	2,800 00
Defraying Expenses of Franklin Library Association, three hundred and fifty dollars,	350 00
Printing and Stationery, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, one thousand five hundred dollars,	1,500 00

The following sums of money were voted under Articles 11, 18, 22 and 30:

Post 60, G. A. R., for Decoration Day, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Payment of Police, one thousand two hundred dollars,	1,200 00
Suppression of Illegal Liquor Traffic, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Tree Planting, fifty dollars,	50 00

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

ART. 7. Voted, to collect the taxes in the same way and manner as last year. (See vote of March 1, 1880—473.)

ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Voted, that the roads, bridges and sidewalks be repaired in the same way as last year.

POUND.

ART. 9. Voted, that the yard at the almshouse be the Pound.

GUIDE BOARDS.

ART. 10. The Selectmen presented the following report:

Franklin, March 5th, 1888.

The Selectmen have erected twenty-two new Guide Boards, twenty-six street names, twelve new posts at a cost of about $35. There should be a few more of the old replaced by new ones the present year.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. COTTON,
HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Voted, to accept the report.

CATTLE, HORSES, MULES AND SWINE.

ART. 12. Voted, to restrain neat cattle, horses, mules and swine from running at large the year ensuing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ART. 13. Voted, to pay the Engineers of the Fire Department and members of the Fire, Hose and Hook and Ladder companies the same the current year that they were paid last year.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS.

ART. 14. Voted, to accept the report of the Engineers of the Fire Department as contained in the Auditor's report for the current year.

JURORS CHOSEN.

ART. 15. Voted that the following list of names be placed in the jury box for the current year, viz:

Allen, Cyrus M.
Arnold, Nathan B.
Baker, J. Herbert
Blake, Charles H.
Bourne, Samuel C.
Hill, Albert H.
Johnson, Charles E.
Kingsbury, George A.
Murphy, Michael J.
Mann, Alden T.

Bright, Warren H.
Bacon, George W.
Butman, Charles M.
Clark, William S.
Cleary, Michael
Chapman, Elisha P.
Clark, Alfred
Cotton, Fred A.
Corbin, Daniel O.
Cunningham, John G.
Capron, Sanford T.
Cotton, William A.
Chapman, Fred P.
Daniels, Lucius W.
Dodge, Alanson H.
Daniels, Mancy M.
Fuller, Frank D.
Fisher, Walter M.
Hubbard, Sabin
Heywood, George W.
McCarty, Jeremiah
Metcalf, Nahum
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Horace S.
Miller, Willard
Nason, William E.
O'Riley, James
Rockwood, William
Richardson, Fremont
Rockwood, Edmund J.
Rockwood, Bradley M.
Smith, Calvin M.
Sommers, Rudolph
Stanley, Osmyn A.
Thain, Eugene N.
Tobey, James J.
Tower, Jason
Wadsworth, Joseph H.
Woodward, Amos P.

BORROWING MONEY.

ART. 17. Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, under the direction of the Selectmen, money so borrowed to be paid from taxes of this year.

POLICE FORCE.

ART. 18. Voted, that the town maintain two night policemen and that their duties shall be in town, and that one of them shall be detailed for duty during the day Sunday.

Voted, that one thousand two hundred dollars ($1200) be appropriated for the payment of Police.

SOLDIERS' AID.

Voted, to reconsider the vote of one thousand dollars for miscellaneous expenses.

Voted, to appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars for miscellaneous expenses, and that such sum as may be necessary be taken from the amount for soldiers' aid.

TOWN WAY FROM UNION TO FISHER STREET.

ART. 20. The Selectmen presented the following report:

We, the Selectmen of Franklin, having complied with the requirements of law in relation to notifying the owners of land over which we were petitioned to lay out a Town Way, have laid out such Town Way as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the west side of Union street, in Franklin, at the southeast corner of land of Jeremiah McCarty, then through said McCarty's land north 72 1-4° west 13 rods and 23 links to stake and stones; thence north 68 1-2° west 14 rods and 24 links, over land of Emery Thayer, to a wooden post; thence north 66° west 33 rods and 20 links, over land of said Thayer, till it intersects with Fisher Street so-called.

The said Town Way to be forty feet wide and to be on the southerly side of the above described line and upon land of William E. Nason, Jeremiah McCarty and Emery Thayer, and as per plan of engineer, S. C. Taft, herewith submitted. And the said Thayer and McCarty agree to give such of their land as is required for said Town Way, and to waive all claims for damage made in consequence of laying out said Town Way. And we have awarded William E. Nason the sum of fifty dollars as damages for and in payment for land taken for said Town Way. And your Selectmen hereby respectfully report said Town Way to the Town for its acceptance.

Dated at Franklin this 11th day of Feb., 1888.

DANIEL C. COTTON,
HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
Selectmen of Franklin.

Voted, to accept the report.

WATER SUPPLY.

ART. 21. The committee appointed to look after the increasing of the efficiency of our water supply made a verbal report by its chairman, Homer V. Snow, who reported to the effect that the committee were carrying out the wishes of the Town, and that within a few months the work would be completed.

Voted, to accept the report and that the committee be continued.

TOWN HOUSE.

The committee appointed March 14, 1887, to consider the matter of building a Town House presented the following report:

Franklin, March 5, 1888.

MR. CHAIRMAN, AND CITIZENS OF FRANKLIN:

The committee appointed to present plans for a Town Hall respectfully make the following report:

The plans and designs herewith submitted for your consideration by S. S. Woodcock, architect, are for a building 60 by 100 feet, arranged with a room 14 by 20 feet for the accommodation of the Selectmen, one for the Treasurer 11 ft. 6 in. by 16 ft. with a brick safe 5 by 5 ft inside. A room for the School Committee and Assessors 12 by 20 feet. Grand Army Hall, 37 ft. 8 in. by 24 ft. Court Room, or store, 24 ft. 4 in. by 57 ft. 4 in. Public Library, 33 ft. 6 in. by 28 ft. Reading Room, 24 by 29 ft.

All of the above are upon the first floor. There are two entrance halls on this floor. one in the main or memorial tower, which is 20 feet in diameter and connected with Grand Army Hall; and it is designed to have a marble tablet with names of all that enlisted in the service of their country during the Rebellion in 1861.

The exterior of the tower is designed to have a bas-relief in terra cotta 3 ft. 6 in. high and about 40 feet long, representing the infantry, artillery, cavalry and navy.

The entry on the southerly end communicates with the Public Library and Reading Room, and also with the stage and dressing room connected with the main hall on the second floor.

The stairs in the main, or tower, entrance are to be 7 feet wide, and connect with a corridor 26 feet long and 14 feet wide, with waiting rooms, one in the tower 20 feet in diameter, and one over the School Committee Room 14 by 20 feet, and a flight of stairs leading to the gallery 57 feet long, 19 ft. 8 in. wide.

The main auditorium is 73 ft. 4 in. long and 57 ft. 4 in. wide with a stage or platform 33 ft. long and 18 ft. wide, with a retiring room at each end of the stage 9 by 14 ft. with an entrance from each to the platform, and also to the entry on the first floor and to the main hall, giving three separate entrances to the hall of ample proportions for safety.

The basement, on account of the favorable grade of the proposed lot of land for which the design is made, will be entirely out of ground on the back side, giving ample room for a hook and ladder, and hose carriage, or engine for the fire department, with a hose tower in a part of the southerly part of the building, and a room for the firemen 12 ft. 4 in. by 20 ft., and a store room 12 ft. 4 in. by 15 ft.

The basement also contains a small hall 20 ft. wide by 35 ft. long, and a room 24 ft. by 28 ft. 7 in. for town purposes, and five cells for prisoners, and ample entries, store room, and room for heating apparatus, coal, etc. The basement finishes 12 feet high; the first story 12 feet, and the main hall 32 feet high.

The exterior is designed to be of pressed brick, with light colored freestone and terra cotta trimmings, with copper gutters, slate roof. The stairs are to be finished with white oak, and other inside finish of white wood, and floors of red birch.

The design as well as arrangements of the building are intended to meet the requirements of a Town Hall, Soldiers' Memorial, Public Library, Police Station, and Court Room, and rooms for the Fire Department. Thereby concentrating in one good building, all that would be required in at least four different buildings as they are usually erected, and at the same time saving a large amount of money in the first cost of construction, which will not exceed $29,000, as well as the future care of the building, and warming and repairs.

Respectfully submitted.

Asa A. Fletcher,
Joseph G. Ray,
William E. Nason,
Homer V. Snow.

Voted, that the town accept the report of the committee and that we build a Town House in accordance with the plans presented by them, on land of J. H. Daniels and Pond on the corner of Main and School streets.

Moved and seconded that this vote be reconsidered. The vote was declared in the negative.

Voted, that a committee of nine be appointed as a building committee to carry this vote into effect.

Voted, that the committee be appointed by nomination.

Voted, that the following named gentlemen comprise said building committee, viz: George W. Wiggin, Jeremiah McCarty, Homer V. Snow, Joseph G. Ray, Charles J. McKenzie, Asa A. Fletcher, Lawrence J. Kelly, William E. Nason, William F. Ray.

Voted, to take nine thousand dollars ($9,000) from the unexpended balance in the treasury for the purpose of buying land for Town House and building Town House.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Art. 22. Voted, that the town appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) which the Selectmen may expend in such way and manner as they may deem judicious for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in Franklin for the year ensuing.

ADDITIONAL HYDRANTS.

ART. 23. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be left with the Selectmen.

SEWER.

ART. 24. Voted, that Article 24 be dismissed.

STREET LIGHTS.

Voted, that the item concerning appropriation for Lighting Streets be taken from the table.

ART. 25. Voted, to raise two thousand eight hundred dollars ($2800) for Street Lighting. The Selectmen to maintain thirty-five (35) electric lights, and erect and maintain six kerosene lamps in the village of Unionville.

Voted, to continue the committee appointed March 12, 1888.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

ART. 26. Voted, to dismiss Article 26.

ART. 27. Voted, to dismiss Article 27.

USE OF TOWN HALL.

ART. 28. Voted, that the town grant the use of the Town Hall to the Sons of Temperance each Thursday evening the current year, unless needed for town purposes.

SOUTH PARK.

ART. 29. Voted to dismiss Article 29.

TREE PLANTING.

ART. 30. Voted, that fifty dollars ($50) be appropriated for tree planting outside the centre of the town.

Voted, to leave the matter of expending this money in the hands of the School Committee.

Voted, to dismiss the warrant.

A true record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

On the dates named below I administered the oath of office to the several officers as below stated:

March 6, 1888, to George E. Emerson, Overseer of Poor.
" " Warren H. Bright, " "
" " Cyrus M. Allen, " "
" " William Rockwood, Assessor.
" " Asa A. Fletcher, "
" " Sabin Hubbard, "
March 19, " George W. Wiggin, Auditor.
March 21, " William Rockwood, Surveyor of Lumber.
March 21, 1888, to William Rockwood, Measurer of Wood and Bark.
March 21, 1888, to William Rockwood, Measurer of Grain.
March 31, " George D. Heaton, Night Policeman.
April 2, " Anthony Connor, "
" 2, " Charles R. Gowen, Special Police.
" 2, " Frank D. Metcalf, Measurer of Grain.
" 5, " Jerome B. Fitzpatrick, Special Police.
" 7, " Aaron R. Morse, "
" 11, " Robert Davison, "
" 13, " George Berbeau, "
" 14, " Hermon Miller, "
" 14, " Herbert M. Stowers, "
" 14, " C. S. Merrill, "
" 21, " Joseph T. Hutchinson, "
May 11, " Anthony Connor, Lockup Keeper.
June 19, " Emory Munyon, Special Police.
" 19, " Martin Hunter, "
" 21, " Arthur D. McNutt, "
March 31, " Clarence E. Griffin, Sealer of Weights and Measures, sworn by J. M. Freeman, Justice of the Peace.
Oct. 13, 1888, to Silas W. Nickerson, Special Police.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 14, 1888.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin. GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the qualified voters of said town to assemble in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of April current, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at an adjourned meeting held March 19, 1888, whereby it was voted "that the town accept the report of the committee, and that we build a Town House in accordance with the plans presented by them on land of J. H. Daniels and Pond, on the corner of Main and School Streets."

ART. 3. To hear the minds of the town in relation to Town House matters, and act or do anything in connection therewith.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
ASA A. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

NORFOLK, ss.

April 7th, A. D. 1888.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of April, current, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the Postoffices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section two, Article one, of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER, Constable of Franklin.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 14, 1888.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Franklin met in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the

fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1888, at two o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded as follows:

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who then read the warrant.

MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 1. The meeting then made choice, by ballot, the check list being used, of William F. Ray as Moderator, and he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

TOWN HOUSE.

ART. 2. It was moved and seconded, that we reconsider the vote passed March 19, 1888, whereby it was voted that the Town accept the report of the committee and that we build a Town House in accordance with the plans presented by them on land of J. H. Daniels and Pond, on corner of Main and School streets.

The vote being taken it was found that one hundred and fifty-eight (158) voted yea, and that one hundred and eighty-three (183) voted nay, whereupon the moderator declared the motion not carried.

Voted, that the warrant be dismissed.

A true record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT,

MAY 26, 1888.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, in said County. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the qualified voters of said town of Franklin to assemble in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the twenty sixth day of May, current, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will vote to take, as a place for the erection of a Town Hall, a piece of land in said Town, situated at the

corner of Main and School Streets, belonging to Joseph H. Daniels and Emory Pond, and bounded by said School Street, Main Street, land of F. Leslie Metcalf, land of J. P. & J. G. Ray, and land of Davis Thayer, Jr., or take any other action in relation to procuring said land for said purpose.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
ASA A. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

NORFOLK, ss.

May 19th, A. D. 1888.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of May, 1888, for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the Postoffices of the town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Section Two of Article One of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER, Constable of Franklin.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING,

MAY 26, 1888.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Franklin met in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. 1888, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded as follows:

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who then read the warrant.

MODERATOR.

ARTICLE 1. Voted, unanimously, that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for William F. Ray, as Moderator, to preside in this meeting. The Town Clerk then cast one ballot in accordance with the vote.

William F. Ray was then sworn by the Town Clerk.

TOWN HOUSE.

ART. 2. Voted, to postpone indefinitely the matter contained in Article 2.

Voted, to dismiss the warrant.

A true record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

WARRANT.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOV. 6, 1888.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Franklin, in said County. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin, qualified to vote in elections, to assemble in their Town Hall, in said Franklin, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen of said town, for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the Ninth Congressional District, for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, for a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General, an Auditor, and an Attorney General of said Commonwealth, a Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District, and two Representatives to the General Court for the Eighth Norfolk Representative District, for a Register of Probate and Insolvency, a County Commissioner, a Treasurer, a Register of Deeds in and for the County of Norfolk.

The votes to be received in one box, and on one ballot, either in or out of sealed envelopes.

The polls will be opened at eight o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at twelve o'clock noon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto either of the subscribers on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October, A. D. 1888.

HENRY R. JENKS,
WILLIAM ROCKWOOD,
ASA A. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Franklin.

NORFOLK, ss.

October 26th, A. D. 1888.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin herein described to assemble in their Town Hall, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, 1888, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant in each of the Postoffices of the Town, and in ten other public places, seven days before the day of meeting, in compliance with Sect. two of Article one of the By-Laws of the Town of Franklin.

LEWIS R. WHITAKER, Constable of Franklin.

A true copy of the warrant and officer's return thereon. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ELECTION,

NOVEMBER 6, 1888.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Franklin qualified to vote in elections, met in their Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, and were called to order at eight o'clock in the forenoon by Henry R. Jenks, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who then read the warrant and the officer's return thereon.

In pursuance of the laws of this Commonwealth the ballot box to be used at elections was then opened in the public meeting, and shown to the public to be empty, and was examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and found to be empty. The register of the box was then set at 000, and the box locked and the keys thereof were delivered to William E. Nason, Constable of Franklin.

The polls were then opened at ten minutes past eight o'clock in the forenoon.

Voted, that the polls be closed at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Due notice having been given the polls were at four o'clock in the afternoon declared to be closed.

During the voting the ballot box and check list were in charge of the Selectmen and Town Clerk. The Selectmen and Town Clerk had charge of the election and during the time of voting the ballot box was by their unanimous consent, opened once for the purpose of taking out the ballots, and sorting and counting them, and again at the close of the polls, when the register stood at seven hundred and five (705). The names of those on the list of voters which had been checked were audibly counted and found to be seven hundred and five (705).

The Selectmen and Town Clerk then proceeded to canvass the votes given in, and the whole number was seven hundred and four (704), which were sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made in open town meeting and were for the following National, State, and County officers, viz:

FOR ELECTORS AT LARGE OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U. S.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

George D. Robinson of Chicopee had four hundred and forty-two votes.

William F. Draper of Hopedale had four hundred and forty-two votes.

John Boyle O'Reily of Boston had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

George M. Stearnes of Chicopee had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

James H. Roberts of Cambridge had thirty-five votes.

John Blackmer of Springfield had thirty-five votes.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

John H. Reed of Barnstable had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Thomas C. Day of Barnstable had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

John D. Flint of Fall River had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

George E. Freeman of Brockton had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Bushrod Morse of Sharon had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

William J. Smith of Taunton had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Halsey J. Boardman of Boston had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Nathan Matthew, Jr., of Boston had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

James M. Gray of Boston had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Elijah Mertain Hatch of Boston had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Matthew Keaney of Boston had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Israel S. Trafton of Boston had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Henry J. Wells of Cambridge had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Charles H. Taylor of Boston had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Andrew Howe of Boston had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Horatio Wellington of Boston had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Henry Bradley of Medford had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

George H. Harwood of Lynn had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Francis Norwood of Beverly had four hundred and forty-two votes.

James F. Dean of Salem had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Daniel W. Friend of Manchester had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Charles U. Bell of Lawrence had four hundred and forty-two votes.

John C. Sandborn of Lawrence had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Orson E. Mallory of Lowell had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Charles Q. Tirrell of Natick had four hundred and forty-two votes.

William Aspinwall of Brookline had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Charles M. Bowers of Clinton had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Frank P. Goulding of Worcester had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Edward W. Lincoln of Worcester had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Edward D. Conant of Worcester had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Chester C. Conant of Greenfield had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Frederick S. Coolidge of Ashburnham had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Julius H. Seeley of Amherst had thirty-five votes.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Elisha Morgan of Springfield had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Walter Cutting of Pittsfield had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Howard A. Gibbs of Lee had thirty-five votes.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE FROM 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

John W. Candler of Brookline had four hundred and fifty-two votes.

Edward Burnett of Southborough had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

John C. Park of Newton had thirty-one votes.

E. Morse had one vote.

FOR GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred.

Oliver Ames of Easton had four hundred and thirty-eight votes.

William E. Russell of Cambridge had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

William H. Earle of Worcester had thirty-five votes.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and one.

John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington had four hundred and thirty-eight votes.

John W. Corcoran of Clinton had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

John Bascom of Williamstown had thirty-six votes.

FOR SECRETARY.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had four hundred and forty-three votes.

William N. Osgood of Boston had two hundred and twenty-six votes.

Henry C. Smith of Williamsburgh had thirty-five votes.

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

George A. Marden of Lowell had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Henry C. Thacher of Yarmouth had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

John M. Fisher of Attleborough had thirty-five votes.

For Attorney General.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket had thirty-five votes.

For Auditor.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had four hundred and forty-two votes.

William A. Williams of Worcester had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson had thirty-five votes.

For Councillor for the Second Councillor District.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Arthur W. Tufts of Boston had four hundred and forty-two votes.

George O. Wentworth of Stoughton had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Hiram B. Cross of Boston had thirty-five votes.

For Senator for the Second Norfolk Senatorial District.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Enos H. Tucker of Needham had four hundred forty-two votes.

Charles T. Duncklee of Brookline had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

Robert Porter of Stoughton had thirty-five votes.

For Two Representatives from the Eighth Norfolk Representative District to the General Court.

The whole number of votes was fourteen hundred.

William A. Wyckoff of Franklin had four hundred and fifty-six votes.

James D. Lincoln of Wrentham had four hundred and forty-two votes.

Ira C. Hersey of Foxboro had two hundred and seventeen votes.

David T. Stone of Wrentham had two hundred and seventeen votes.

Elbridge G. Ware of Medway had thirty-four votes.

Erastus L. Metcalf of Franklin had thirty-three votes.

William Rockwood of Franklin had one vote.

For County Commissioner.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Melville P. Morrell of Hyde Park had four hundred and thirty-eight votes.

Don Gleason Hill of Dedham had two hundred and thirty-one votes.

Marcus M. Porter of Avon had thirty-five votes.

For a Register of Deeds.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

John H. Burdakin of Dedham had six hundred and sixty-nine votes.

Aaron R. Morse of Franklin had thirty-five votes.

For a Treasurer for Norfolk County.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Chauncy C. Churchill of Dedham had four hundred and forty-one votes.

Ferdinand F. Favor of Dedham had two hundred and twenty-seven votes.

George Kempton of Sharon had thirty-five votes.

Edward Burnett of Southborough had one vote.

For a Register of Probate and Insolvency.

The whole number of votes was seven hundred and four.

Jonathan Cobb of Dedham had six hundred and sixty-nine votes.

George A. Beedem of Weymouth had thirty-five votes.

In voting the check list was used and no person was allowed to deposit his vote until his name was found on the list and checked.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, the returns were filled up, signed by the Selectmen, countersigned by the Town Clerk and sealed up in open town meeting, and delivered to the Town Clerk to be forwarded to their places of destination.

The votes cast and the list of voters used at the polls were then sealed up, endorsed by the Selectmen, and delivered into the Custody of the Town Clerk, in conformity with the law in such cases made and provided.

Voted, to dismiss the warrant.

A true record. Attest:

Clarence E. Griffin, Town Clerk.

MEETING OF THE TOWN CLERKS

of the eighth norfolk representative district.

A record of the doings of the Town Clerks of the towns of Wrentham, Medway, Franklin, Foxboro, Bellingham and Norfolk, constituting the Eighth Representative District in the County of Norfolk.

On the sixteenth day of November A. D. 1888, the Town Clerks of the above named towns met at the Town Hall, in Franklin, and examined and compared transcripts of the records of votes cast in said towns on the sixth day of said November for two Representatives to the General Court, for said district; and did ascertain that William A. Wyckoff of Franklin and James D. Lincoln of Wrentham were duly elected, and we issued certificates of their election, one of which we transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, one was deliv-

ered to the Constable of Franklin, and one to the Constable of Wrentham.

David T. Stone, Town Clerk of Wrentham.

Clarence E. Griffin, Town Clerk of Franklin.

Henry E. Mason, Town Clerk of Medway.

Lewis E. Gray, Town Clerk of Foxboro.

Henry A. Whitney, Town Clerk of Bellingham.

Silas E. Fales, Town Clerk of Norfolk.

A true copy of record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

The aggregate vote of the District was as follows:

William A. Wyckoff of Franklin had fifteen hundred and forty-two votes.

James D. Lincoln of Wrentham had fifteen hundred and twenty-one votes.

Ira C. Hersey of Foxboro had nine hundred and nine votes.

David T. Stone of Wrentham had nine hundred and four votes.

Elbridge G. Ware of Medway had one hundred and twenty-six votes.

Erastus L. Metcalf of Franklin had one hundred and twenty-five votes.

William Rockwood of Franklin had one vote.

William Young of Foxboro had one vote.

A true record. Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.

I, Clarence E. Griffin, Town Clerk of Franklin, Mass., do hereby certify that at the time and in the manner provided by law, I destroyed the ballots cast at the election held on November 6, A. D. 1888.

Attest:

CLARENCE E. GRIFFIN, Town Clerk.